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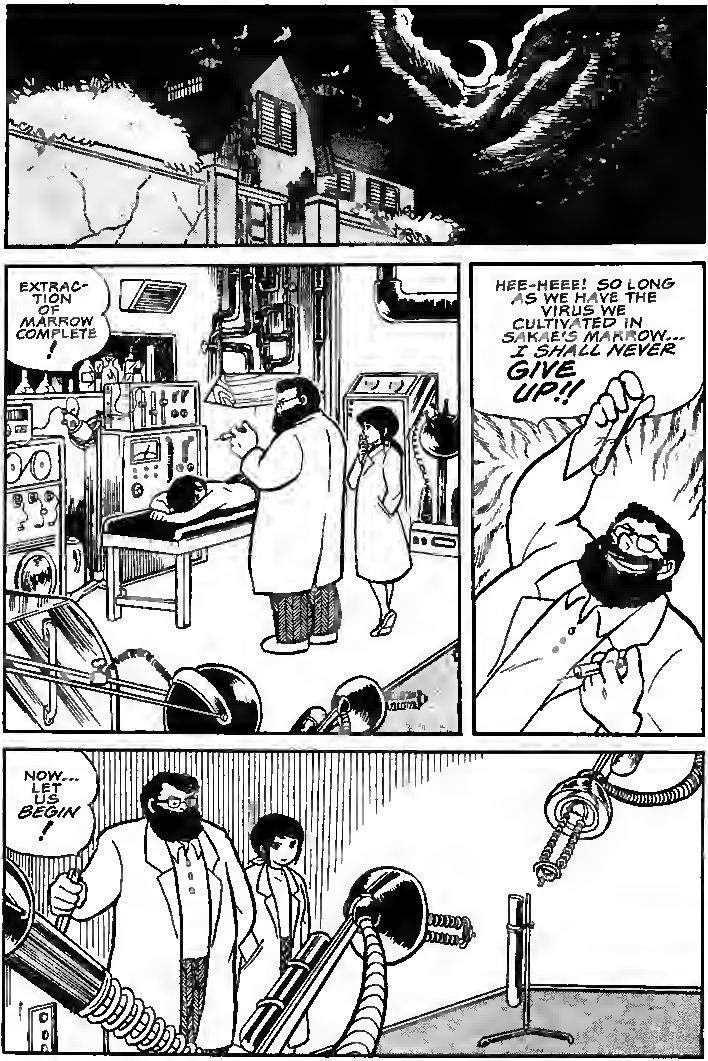
THE GOLDEN GODS OF POVERTY

SAKAE! GET DOWN HERE!
NO! GO AWAY!
YOU... YOU UN-GRATE-FUL CHILD!
I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR BEING USED AS A GUINEA PIG?!
WHAT KIND OF SON ARE YOU--??
ARE YOU A MAN?!

WE CAN'T DO THIS EXPERIMENT WITHOUT YOUR UNIQUE BONE MARROW!
WE'RE JUST GOING TO TAKE OUT A LITTLE WITH A NEEDLE!
WHAT AM I, A KEG ?!
I'M THROUGH BEING TAPPED FOR MY FLUIDS!
HMPHH! SO YOU REFUSE TO COME DOWN!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, MOTHER. SHOOT HIM.
FINE.
HWISHH
CHK
RRRRRR!!
RRRRRR!!

OW!
SCHHPP
HEH-HEH...
WHAT--?! THE TRANQUILI-ZER ISN'T WORKING ?!
THAT'S ODD...
I'VE BUILT UP A RESISTANCE, YOU MORONS!
WHADDYA EXPECT AFTER A MILLION SHOTS ?
THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO TRY A SECOND DOSE!
PF
OWWW!!
WHAT A MOTHER! WHAT A MARKS-WOMAN!
=CHUCKLE= WHAT DO YOU EXPECT AFTER A MILLION SHOTS?
FOR...GET... IT... I WON'T... FALL.... A...
...SL EEE EE...

YAWWNNN
ZZZZ
JUMP
CREAK
WHAT A STUBBORN KID!
HERE HE COMES!
RATTLE
RATTLE RATTLE
NOW LET'S GET THIS EXPERIMENT ROLLING BEFORE HE WAKES UP!
RATTLE RATTLE
HURRY!


EXTRAC-TION OF MARROW COMPLETE!
HEE-HEEE! SO LONG AS WE HAVE THE VIRUS WE CULTIVATED IN SAKAE'S MARROW... I SHALL NEVER GIVE UP!!
NOW... LET US BEGIN!

CHUNNN
BZZZZZZZZ
IT'S GONNA EXP--
LOOK! THE FLUID HAS STARTED TO COAGULATE!
SSSSSSSS
IT'S EXPAND-ING!
UHNN..?
FWOOSH

BAAAAA
DOOOM
GUAAAH!

IT... IT... IT'S A TREASURE SHIP!!
IT CAN'T BE...

THEY'RE THE SEVEN LUCKY GODS!!

WE DID IT, MOTHER! WE DID IT!
CONGRATS
GREAT WORK, DEAR!
WHERE ARE WE--?
WHO ARE YOU--?
HUH? I AM FUKUZO TAKARO, A SCIENTIST!
I AM HIS WIFE, TOMIKO!
AND THIS IS OUR SON, SAKAE!
MY, WHAT A CUTE YOUNG MAN!
GULP!
I'M BENTEN.
SO PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
BY THE WAY, WE'RE HUNGRY...
ONE FEAST, COMING RIGHT UP!

WE BELIEVE IN THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS!
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
THEY BELIEVE IN THE STUFFING OF FACES!
MONEY AND TIME ARE NECESSARY FOR HAPPINESS...
...SO WE MUST FIND A WAY TO MAKE MONEY WITHOUT WORKING!
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
I'VE TRIED TO MASTER ALCHEMY... TO MAKE GOLD!!
BUT INSTEAD OF GOLD, WE GOT YOU... THE GOOD LUCK GODS! AND BEING...
MUNCH
SLURP
OOOH, MAN, I'M FULL!
I HAVEN'T EATEN THIS MUCH IN EONS!
...BEING GODS, WE'RE SURE YOU HAVE SOME TREASURE OR GOLD...
...THAT YOU'D BE WILLING TO LEAVE WITH US FOR...
LEAVE? WHO'S LEAVING?!

HEY, CUTIE, HOW ABOUT SOME AFTER-DINNER EXERCISE?
FUMPP
ACK!
MOTHER, WE'LL BE ON EASY STREET THE REST OF OUR LIVES!
IT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!
THUMP
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HONEY?
DROOM
BOFF
WA HA HAA! WHA'S WRONG, SONNY? DID BENTEN SCARE YA?
HOTEI...
"WAA HAA HAAA" YOURSELF, YOU MOUNTAIN OF LARD!
SLAM
SSPLISSSHH
SHE LIKES 'EM YOUNG, YOU KNOW! WAA HAA HAAA!

EBISU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING--?
ZHOOP
FISH-ING!
YOU CAN'T CATCH FISH IN THE BATHTUB!!
SO TRUE... SO TRUE... NO FISH...
BLOOSH
YEE OW!!
I GOT A HIPPO, THOUGH!
PUT HIM BACK!!
SUCH A BIG ONE, TOO! WHAT A WASTE!
PLORSHH
OHH, MY HEAD...
WAK!
ZHOOP
THUNK

SHHH
BUMP
ARE YOU INSANE?!
NEVER STARTLE A GOD!
CAN'T BELIEVE I MISSED.
I CAN'T STAND IT... I'M GETTING A HEADACHE...
BETTER GO TO BED...
WHEW!
BTAM
MMMM, YES, SAKAE...
YOU'D BETTER GO TO BED!
I'M SLEEPING IN THE HALLWAY!
NOT SLEEPY, HUH?
SO PLAY SOME CARDS, WHY DON'T YOU?
A HAUNTED HOUSE, THAT'S WHAT IT IS...

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, HONEY?
TO SCHOOL, OF COURSE!
I'LL GO, TOO!
LEGGO O' ME!!
WHY DON'T YOU WANT ME?!
YOU'RE TOO OLD!
WHY... YOU...
WHAP!
OW!
SAY THAT AGAIN!
HUH?! WHO'S OLD, HUH?!
YUH-YUH-YUH--
SAKAE! LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
MOM... ? WHAT..?

APOLO-GIZE!
BUT SHE WANTS TO COME TO SCHOOL WITH ME!
THEN TAKE HER!
I'D RATHER SKIP SCHOOL AND FLUNK!
SAKAE, COME HERE!
WHAT?
GO MAKE UP WITH BENTEN!
HUH?!
DO YOU KNOW HOW LUCKY YOU ARE--
--TO HAVE THE FAVOR OF A GODDESS?
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KID-DING!
WHY DON'T YOU DO IT?!
I'M A MARRIED MAN!
YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU'D SELL YOUR OWN SON?!
OF COURSE!

I'M SORRY I GOT MAD...
IF YOU'RE SORRY, GIVE US SOME MONEY AND GO!
WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY!
WHAT?!
YOU CAN'T TELL ME--
I'LL TALK IF YOU'LL GIVE ME ADVICE!
EVERYONE, COME TO SAKAE'S ROOM!
SAKAE, YOU HAVE A PLAN TO GET MONEY?
YOU TWO WAIT HERE!
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, SAKAE!
DON'T STOP 'TIL WE'RE RICH!
...

ALL RIGHT, ALREADY!
STOMP STOMP
WHAT'S HE SO UPSET ABOUT?
KIDS THESE DAYS!
WE'VE USED UP ALL OUR GOOD LUCK!
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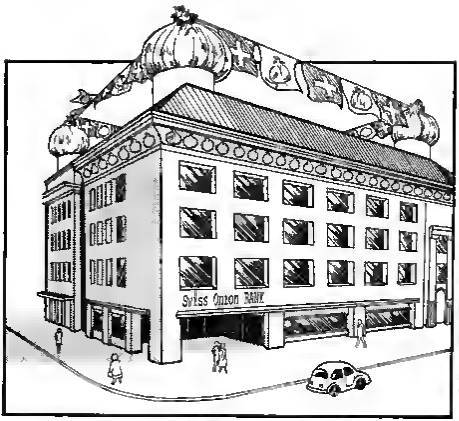
THERE IS NOTHING OF VALUE LEFT IN OUR TREASURE SHIP!
SO YOU WERE PLANNING TO EAT US OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME AND THEN RUN AWAY!
WELL, ACTUALLY... HA HA... YES!
BUT WE'RE NOT BEING REPREHENSIBLE PARASITES BY CHOICE!
WE NEED MONEY... TO MAKE OUR COMEBACK AS THE SEVEN LUCKY GODS!
BUT KNOWING LITTLE OF THE MATERIAL WORLD, WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE MONEY...
ALL RIGHT! ALL YOU WANT IS MONEY, RIGHT?
DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA?!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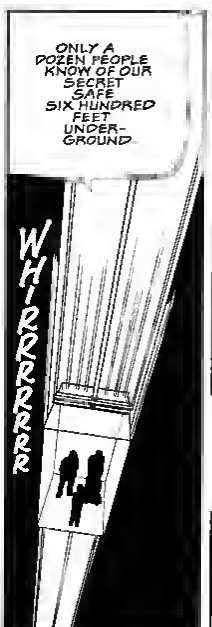
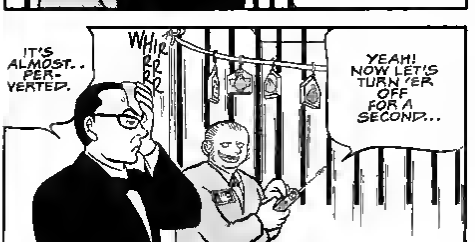
OUR BANK'S SECURITY SYSTEM IS COMPLETELY FOOL-PROOF!


ONLY A DOZEN PEOPLE KNOW OF OUR SECRET SAFE SIX HUNDRED FEET UNDER-GROUND.
WHIRRRRR

AND IF YOU THINK YOU'VE SEEN PARANOID, SADISTIC SECURITY SYSTEMS BEFORE..
...TAKE A LOOK AT THIS! LASERS, BAZOOKAS, GAS, A SUSPENDED CEILING, AND EVEN GOOD OL' BAMBOO SPEARS!


IT'S ALMOST.. PER-VERTED.
WHIR
YEAH! NOW LET'S TURN 'ER OFF FOR A SECOND...

THIS DOOR'LL ONLY OPEN WITH THE PASSWORD... IN MY VOICE PATTERN.
AHEM!E "THE SAFE THIRSTS FOR BLOOD TONIGHT"!
THE MONEY THAT CUSTOMERS DEPOSIT IN OUR BANK...
KREEEEEE
GOLD! GOLD!
...IS GUARANTEED... SAFE...
GOLD! HAPPINESS! RICHES!!
OH, BULLION, SWEET BULLION!!
HOW LONG SINCE I'VE FELT THIS!
JOY, JOY!
CLANNNGG
KLNKK
CHHNK

WH... WHA... WHAT...
M.. MR. PRESI-DENT...
OH, "GUARAN-TEED SAFE," IS IT?
DAIKOKU, STOP FOOLING AROUND AND LOAD THEM IN!
OKAY, OKAY!
WHY AREN'T YOU HELP-ING?!
I DON'T LIKE TO EXERCISE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY!
WA HA HA! JUST LIKE THE GOOD OLD DAYS! WA HA HAAA!
WE CAN'T LOAD ANOTHER INGOT!
UNLESS, OF COURSE... IT'S MY KIND OF EXERCISE!
AK! LEMME GO!
UH... UHH...

....
....
TH-
THUH-
THUH....
THIEF
!!
UH-
OH!
PR-
PRESS
THE
ALARM
BUTTON!
HURRY!
Y-
YES,
SIR!
RRRRRRR
RINNNG

WHAT'S GOING ON--?!
B1 123
SOMETHING HAPPENED IN THE BIG VAULT DOWN-STAIRS!
THEY WON'T GET PAST US!
B1 123
WHHH!!RRRRR
B1 123
WAAAH!
WOMP
SCHMEE LICH!!
EEEEK!
IT'S FULL OF GOLD BARS!
THEY MUST BE A NEW GANG IN TOWN!

STOP !!
BAM M
GET 'EM! DO WHATEVER IT TAKES!
KRASH
WHAT DOES IT TAKE ?!
KRUNCH
WHAAM MM
HELP !!
WE'LL FORCE OUR WAY OUT !!
BA
K
O
O
M

UH-OH. SO MUCH FOR THE BANK.
BRRR

HEY, SAKAE!
....
WHY ARE YOU SO QUIET, CUTIE?
YOU AFRAID SOMETHING BAD WILL HAPPEN?
POOR BABY LOOKS SO SAD...
HEH HEH HEH... THIS MUST BE ALL OVER THE NEWS BY NOW! MOM AND DAD HAVE GOTTA BE GOING CRAZY WITH WORRY!
WARP PREPARATION COMPLETE!
FWIIT
IT... DISAPPEARED!
WH-WHWHERE ARE THE P-P-POLICE?!
YOU EXPECT ACCURACY IN A STORY LIKE THIS?

THE TOTAL AMOUNT STOLEN HAS NOT BEEN DISCLOSED...
...BUT IT IS ESTIMATED TO BE UP TO THREE HUNDRED BILLION YEN.
THERE ARE NO CLUES TO THE ROBBERS' WHEREABOUTS.
TOOOM
WE'RE HOME!
AND WE'VE GOT MONEY!
ENOUGH TO FILL A SWISS BANK!
A...A... SWISS BANK...?!?
YOU WERE THE ROBBER?!
...I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!
SLAP
GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!!
SAKAE...

...

SO, SAKAE! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO STEAL NEXT?
SHOOT FOR THE BEST!

YOU CALL YOURSELVES PARENTS?!
DON'T YOU CARE THAT YOUR SON JUST ROBBED A BANK?!
I SAID I WAS PROUD OF YOU!

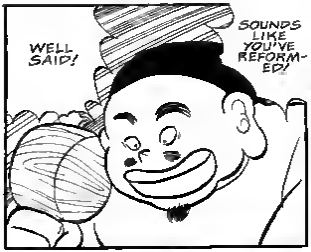
Y-YOU JUST DON'T GET IT!

THANKS FOR EVERY-THING!
I'M LEAV-ING!
WHAT?!

I'M SICK OF IT ALL!

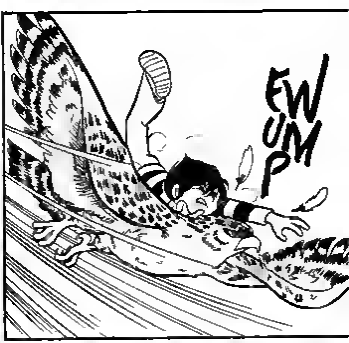
I JUST WANTED YOU TO BE WORRIED ABOUT ME, FOR ONCE!

YOU CAN HAVE YOUR GOLD!
HEY, LEAVE SOME FOR US!
GOLD! GOLD!!
KRA ASHH
GOODBYE, MOM AND DAD!
SAKAE!
KREEK
SHA BOOOO
SAKAE!
MOM...?
DON'T GO, DARLING!
YOU'RE OUR PRECIOUS ONLY SON!

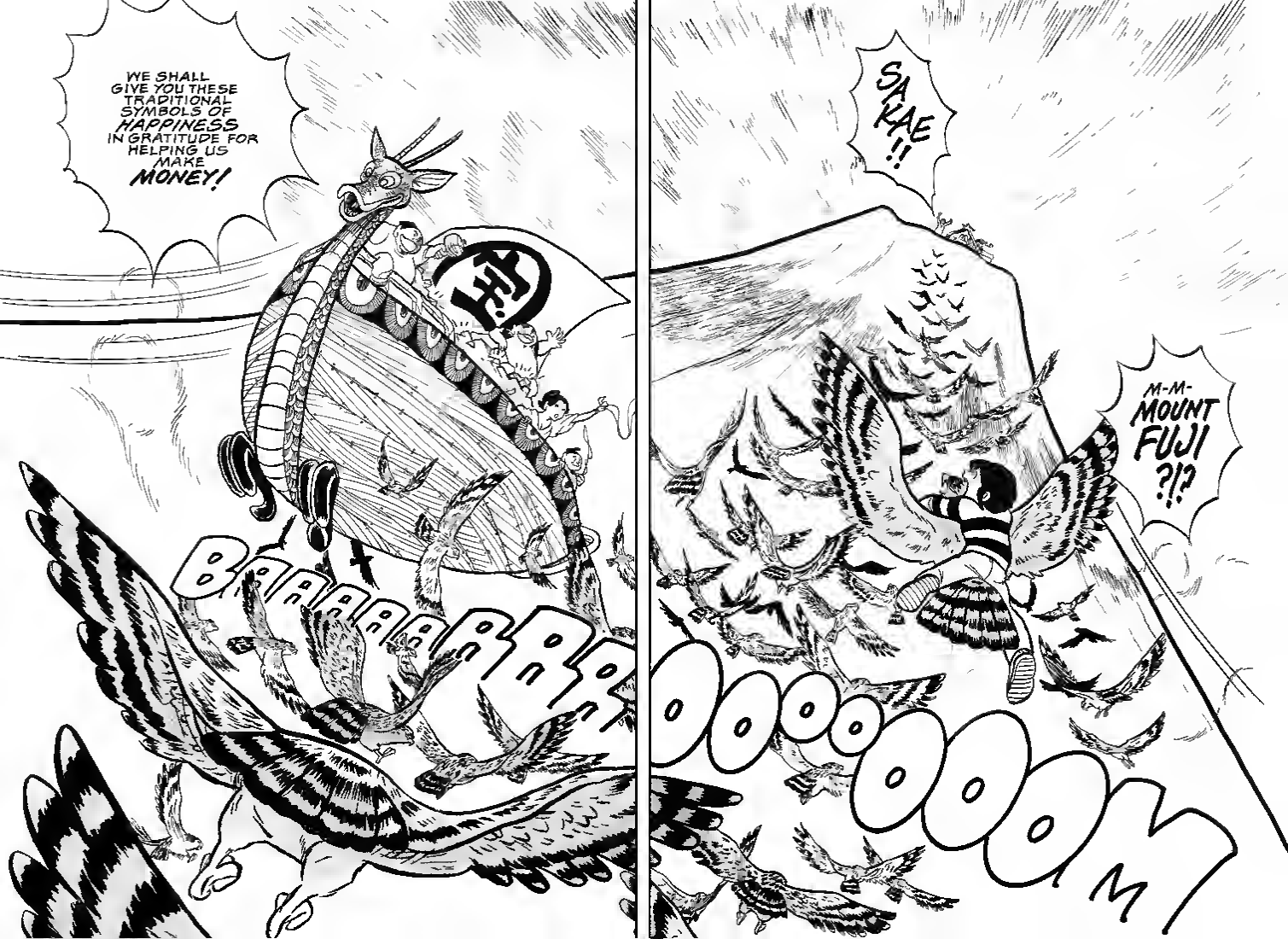

WELL SAID!
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE REFORMED!

KUUUU KUUUUU

WE'LL RETURN SAKAE TO YOU!
BOOM!
WAAK!
AAA! SAKAE !!


FWUMP

RRRR
BLOOP
BLIP


WE SHALL GIVE YOU THESE TRADITIONAL SYMBOLS OF HAPPINESS IN GRATITUDE FOR HELPING US MAKE MONEY!
BAAA

MOM, MOUNT FUJI IS GROWING UNDER OUR HOUSE!
AREN'T THOSE BIRDS FALCONS?!
ONE: MOUNT FUJI...
TWO: FAL-CONS...
AAK! THE, THE GOLD B-BARS...
...THEY JUST TURNED INTO... EGGPLANTS!!
THREE, EGG-PLANTS. JAPAN'S TOP THREE LUCKY OMENS. OH, BOY!
B-BUT MY GOLD... MY GOLD...
CHEER UP, HONEY!
AT LEAST WE HAVE SAKAE!
YES... WE DO HAVE... SAKAE!
GO AWAY!!
WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR BONE MARROW!
WE'RE JUST GOING TO TAKE OUT A TEENSY-WEENSY BIT WITH AN ITTY-BITTY NEEDLE...

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WASTED MINDS

PART ONE

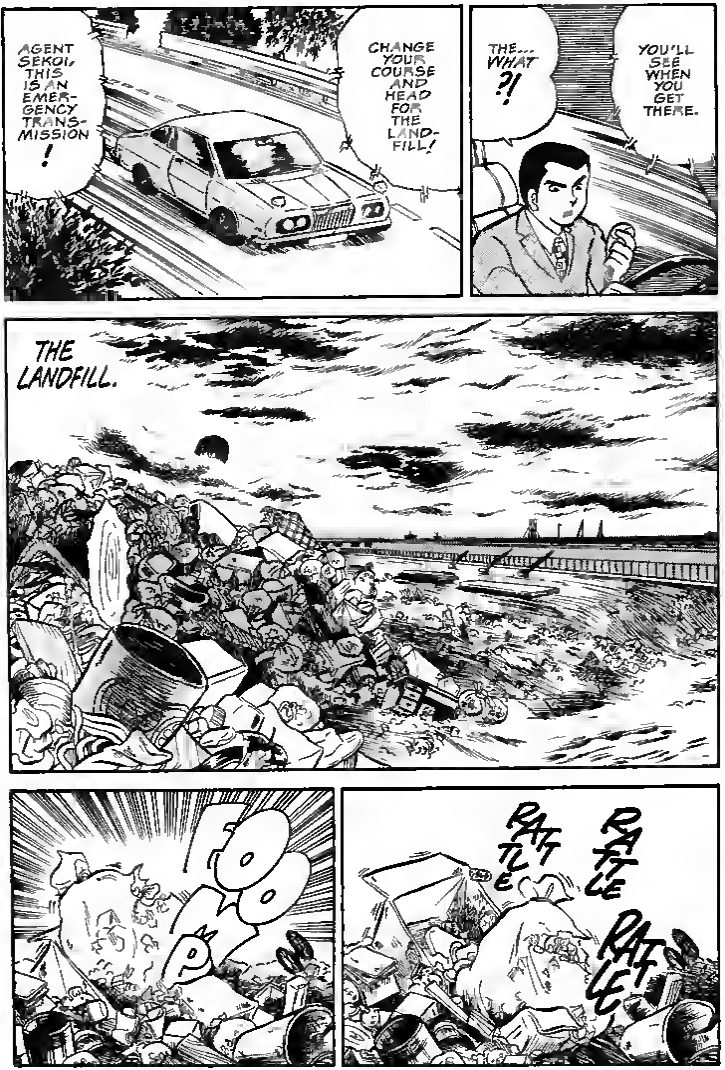
GREETINGS, MY FRIENDS.
FSSSSHH
I HAVE SUMMONED YOU HERE FOR A SINGLE PURPOSE.
YOU MUST SURELY KNOW THAT OUR OPPONENTS, THE JAPANESE CIA, HAVE BEEN SECRETLY TRAINING PSIONICS.
WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT TWO SUCH PSIONICS ARE RETURNING TOMORROW FROM SECRET TRAINING IN THE U.S.
HFSS SSS
YOUR ORDERS ARE TO TERMINATE THEM.
FFSS FSS SHH

THESE ARE YOUR TARGETS: TAMURO GOMI AND YURA ENJOJI. STUDY THEM.
HSSSHHH
GOD, THEY'RE MON-STERS!
THE TV IS BUSTED, IDIOT!
IT WAS THE BEST ONE I COULD FIND AT THE DUMP!
WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN MEASURES, BUT EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION-- WE ARE DEALING WITH PSIONICS HERE...
...THEY WILL NOT BE EASILY NEUTRAL-IZED.
BZZZZ
WH-WHAT'S HE MEAN?!
I-I THINK HE MEANS THEY'RE P-POWER-FUL!
UNTIL THE DAY WE HAVE CONQUERED THE WORLD, LET US PUT ASIDE OUR DIFFERENCES AND WORK TOGETHER!
SKKKK
WHAT DID HE SAY?
THE TELE-VISION SET WILL NOW SELF-DESTRUCT.
FZZZ FZZZ
LIKE IT AL-READY HASN'T?!

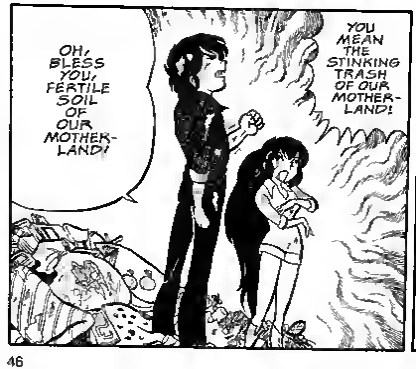
AGENT SEKOI! THE SPECIAL JET IS ARRIVING FIVE MINUTES AHEAD OF SCHEDULE! YOU ARE NEEDED!
UNDER-STOOD.
THE PSIONICS WILL BE IN GOOD HANDS WITH ME.
THE UCIA KNOW A GOOD AGENT WHEN THEY SEE ONE.
I WILL NOT FAIL THEM ON THIS...MY FIRST MISSION!
WHY DO YOU THINK THEY CALLED US BACK ALL OF A SUDDEN?
EEEEEOOOOOOOOMMM

MUST BE A TOP-SECRET MISSION.
OINK
I BET THEY'RE CALLING US IN TO TELL US WE'RE FIRED.
WHY WOULD THEY CALL US BOTH IN?
I MEAN, IF IT'S JUST YOU, WELL THEN...
BUT WE'RE STILL IN TRAINING!
HM PH!
OINK
HM PH!
HEY, WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT STUPID TOY PIG?! IT'S MAKING ME CRAZY!
OINK
HUH? THIS?
BUT THIS IS MR. PIG!
SAY WHAT?
MAN, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!
EVERY-BODY IN JAPAN HAS ONE!
OINK
OINK

WHAT KIND OF AN IDIOT ARE YOU? YOU BOUGHT A JAPANESE TOY AS A SOUVENIR FROM THE STATES?!
IT'S NOT MINE!
CRACK
HM?
WHA--??
OH! OH! OH!
RRRD
NO! NO! NO!!
THE PLANE'S BREAKING UP!
WE'RE A FLYING JUNK-PILE!
SNAP
TUNK
POOL
BOOOOM


AGENT SEKOI, THIS IS AN EMERGENCY TRANSMISSION!
CHANGE YOUR COURSE AND HEAD FOR THE LANDFILL!
THE... WHAT?!
YOU'LL SEE WHEN YOU GET THERE.
THE LANDFILL.
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

PTUI! PTUI!
SHH LORP
?
...


OH, BLESS YOU, FERTILE SOIL OF OUR MOTHER-LAND!
YOU MEAN THE STINKING TRASH OF OUR MOTHER-LAND!

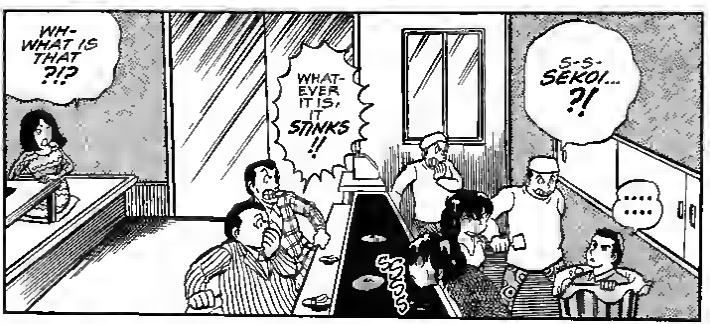
YOU'RE ALIVE! DON'T COM-PLAIN!
YOU COULDA PICKED A BETTER SPOT!

HEY, YOU'D BE DEAD IF NOT FOR MY TELE-PORTING POWER!
MAYBE I'D RATHER BE DEAD THAN ALWAYS NECK-DEEP IN CRAP BECAUSE OF YOU!!
UMM... EX-CUSE ME...
CRUNCH
MIGHT YOU TWO BE...
...MR. TAMURO GOMI AND MISS YURA ENJOJI...?
WHAT AM I THINKING? LIKE PSIONICS FOR THE JCIA ARE GONNA BE STANDING AROUND A DUMP LOOKING LIKE BUMS...
WELL, EXCUSE ME!
WE HAPPEN TO BE PSIONIC BUMS!
DOOOOM

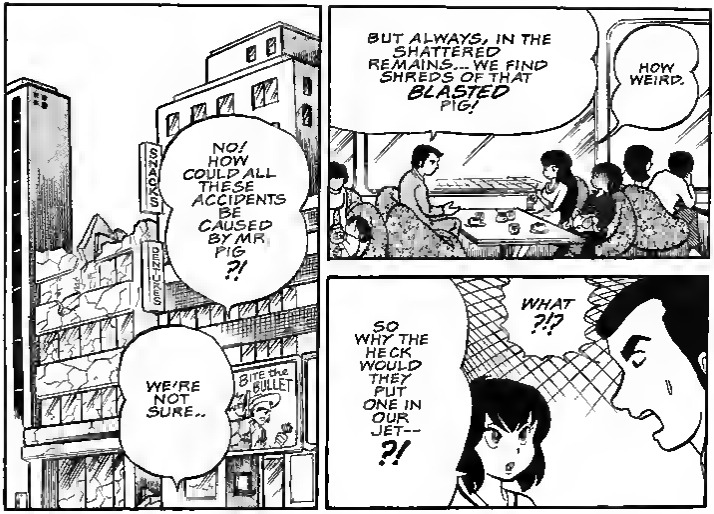
IT IS UN-BELIEVABLE THAT A SPECIAL JET WOULD FALL APART IN THE AIR...
BELIEVE IT OR NOT... IT DID!
DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS?
UH-UH, NOT A THING.
41-26
OINK
MANY POWER-FUL FOES ARE PLOTTING YOUR DEMISE.
COULD YOU MOVE? YOU STINK!
NOT AS BAD AS YOU!!
BUT WHY WERE THEY IN THAT DUMP?
QUITE A MYS-TERY...
YOUR STINK WARPED HIS NOSE!
COULD WE CHANGE THE SUB-JECT?
YEAH! WHY WERE WE CALLED BACK, ANY-WAY?
WELL...
YEE OWW!!
BOOOOOF
BOOOM
CRACK

A SERIES OF SUCH ACCIDENTS HAVE BEEN OCCURRING IN THE CITY.
IT... IT BROKE!
TUNK
AND NOT JUST CARS. EVERYTHING FROM HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES TO BUILDINGS SUDDENLY, MYSTERIOUSLY COLLAPSE.
KAWW
KAWW
HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET BACK WITHOUT A CAR?
TAMURO IS CAPABLE OF TELE-PORTA-TION, IS HE NOT?
DON'T GIVE HIM ANY IDEAS!
?
I'M THROUGH WITH THIS, YOU HEAR ME?!
I'M—
POP

ESTAURANT
SNACK HOUSE MEAG!
Cafe Jasmine
JAPANESE House of PANCAKES
SSSSSS
SSSSSS
YOW!
BLOOP RPP!

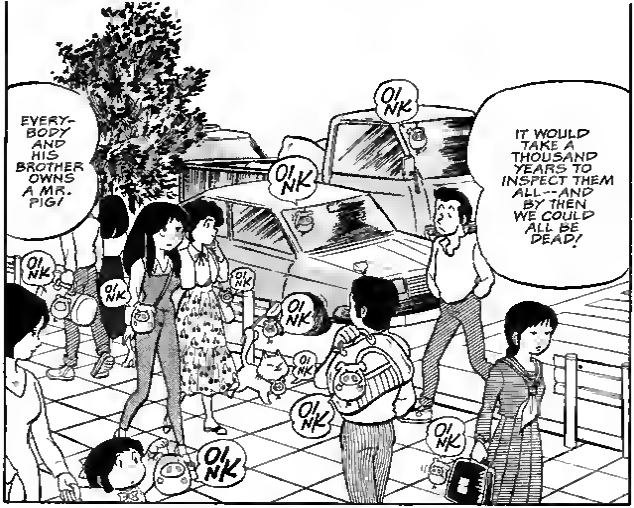

WH-WHAT IS THAT ?!?
WHAT-EVER IT IS, IT STINKS !!
S-S-SEKOI... ?!
.....
CRAWL

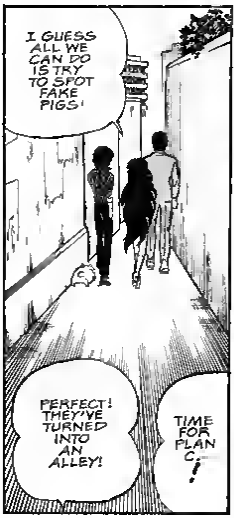
IS THERE SOME REASON YOU SELECTED A GARBAGE CAN, YOUNG MAN?
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
AND THIS PLACE USED TO ATTRACT SUCH A NICE CROWD!
GANG-WAY!!
WAIT! WAIT!!
ALL GONE... ALL GONE...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SEKOI?!
THE PROFITS FROM THIS RESTAURANT ARE A CRUCIAL SOURCE OF INCOME FOR THE JCIA!
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE CUSTO-MERS!
I TOLD YOU! TAMURO CAN ONLY TELEPORT FROM GARBAGE TO GARBAGE!!
BUT WE LEFT FROM THE CAR...
THE CAR WAS BROKEN. SCRAP METAL IS TRASH, TOO.
FROM GARBAGE TO GARBAGE... LIKE COCK-ROACHES!
HEY!!

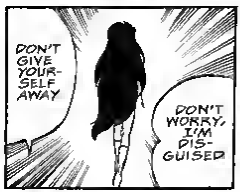

NO! HOW COULD ALL THESE ACCIDENTS BE CAUSED BY MR. PIG?!
WE'RE NOT SURE..
SPACE
BITE the BULLET
BUT ALWAYS, IN THE SHATTERED REMAINS... WE FIND SHREDS OF THAT BLASTED PIG!
HOW WEIRD.
SO WHY THE HECK WOULD THEY PUT ONE IN OUR JET--?!
WHAT?!?

DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THERE WAS A MR. PIG ON THAT PLANE?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?!
BOOM
I DIDN'T THINK IT MATTERED.
SOMEONE MUST HAVE PLANTED IT IN THE PLANE!
WHOEVER IS BEHIND THE OTHER ACCIDENTS?
I SENSE THE PRESENCE OF A GIGANTIC ORGANIZATION!
STOP SCREAMING! YOU WANT EVERYBODY TO KNOW WE'RE WITH THE JCIA?!
WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THIS IN PUBLIC ANYWAY?!
AND THEY'VE TOSSED A BRAZEN CHALLENGE AT THE JCIA!!

HEY, AREN'T THEY THOSE PSIONICS ?
HMMM... THERE IS A RESEMBLANCE...
SHH! SHH!
I JUST WISH HEADQUARTERS WOULD SPRING FOR ENOUGH MONEY TO SEND ACTUAL PHOTOS!
Yura Enjoji
Tamura Gomi
e-Dog
AT LEAST THEY'RE REAL GOOD DRAWINGS.
YEAH, AT LEAST.
SO, HOW DO WE KILL 'EM?
WE BLEW IT TWICE ALREADY.
WE CHECKED THE MANUFACTURER OF MR. PIG, BUT FOUND NOTHING SUSPICIOUS.
MAYBE THERE'S A FAKE MR PIG.
PERHAPS... BUT LOOK.
OINK
OINK


EVERY-BODY AND HIS BROTHER OWNS A MR. PIG!
OINK
IT WOULD TAKE A THOUSAND YEARS TO INSPECT THEM ALL--AND BY THEN WE COULD ALL BE DEAD!


I GUESS ALL WE CAN DO IS TRY TO SPOT FAKE PIGS!
PERFECT! THEY'VE TURNED INTO AN ALLEY!
TIME FOR PLAN C!


DON'T GIVE YOUR-SELF AWAY
DON'T WORRY, I'M DIS-GUISED

MISS ?
YES ?

AAAAAA!!

FOR YOU.
H-H-HEY...!
VOOO DOM
WHAT WAS THAT ??
HOW WAS I ?
GREAT ACT-ING !!
OINK
KRRIKK
KRAK
YEE OW!!

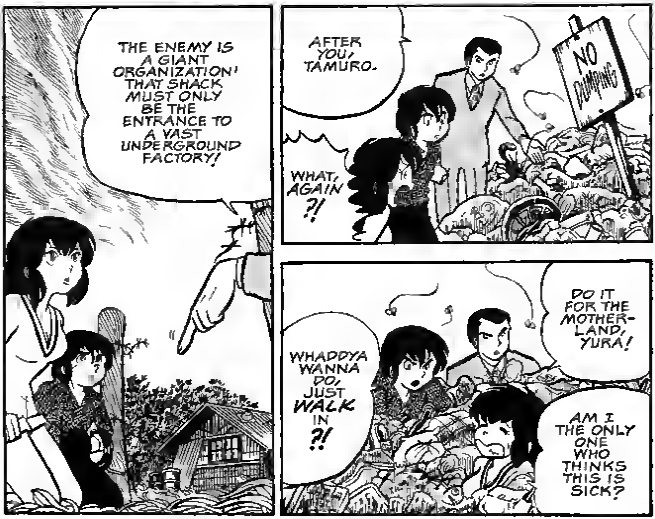
HIIII-YAAAAA!!
WHOOF
CRRRMMMBLE
WHOOF
AKKK

WH--WHAT IS THAT GIRL... ??
SHE'S SO STRONG!
CHUNK
BOOM
SHE REALLY IS PSIONIC!
TAK
MAN... I'M TIRED!
TAMURO, HOW'S MR. PIG?
HE'S FINE.
THAT MYSTERIOUS SCHOOLBOY MUST HAVE BEEN AN ASSASSIN SENT FROM THAT VAST NETWORK OF EVIL!
I SENSE THE PRESENCE OF A TEENSY-WEENSY ORGANI-ZATION.
DID HE LOOK LIKE A SCHOOL-BOY TO YOU?
I'LL HAVE HEAD-QUARTERS EXAMINE IT.
THEY'VE SLIPPED, THE FOOLS! THE HUNT BEGINS HERE!

PANCAKES
THE TEST RESULTS ARE IN!
SECRET CONFERENCE
BACK IN 10 MINUTES
DON'T PEEK
ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK!
JAPANESE HOUSE
THE SECRET, MY FRIENDS, IS IN THE OINK!
THE OINK?
GET THIS OVER WITH QUICK, SEKO!
MY BUSINESS IS RUINED!
THE OINK IS CALIBRATED TO A DESTRUCTIVE FREQUENCY SO PERFECTLY TUNED THAT THE SCALE AND TIME OF THE DESTRUCTION CAN BE CONTROLLED!
SO HOW CAN WE TELL WHICH OINK IS WHICH?
THE REAL ONE IS UNMARKED, BUT ON THIS FAKE ONE, STRANGELY ENOUGH...
...ARE PRINTED THESE WORDS--
GULP
"THIS IS THE GENUINE MR. PIG™ ACCEPT NO IMITATIONS."
BOOOM

IT TOOK SOME TIME FOR EVEN THE JCIA TO NOTICE THIS!
GRR... RR...
JUST HOW STUPID IS THE JCIA?!
WE HAVE TRACKED THIS PIG'S ROUTE BACK TO THE MANUFACTURER! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS...
TREM MMB BLE
...STRIKE!
BOOP
OINK
SEIZE!!
JAPANESE HOUSE of PANCAKES
WAAAAAA!!
KRAK
RRRMIUMBLE

IS THAT IT?
IT CAN'T BE..
WE SHOULDN'T BE DECEIVED BY ITS APPEAR-ANCE.
Hwoooooo

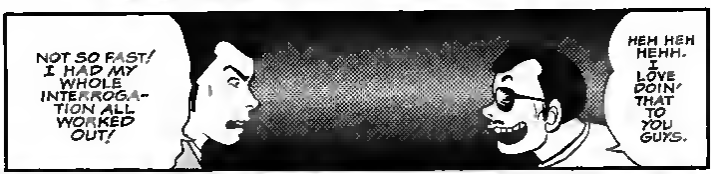

THE ENEMY IS A GIANT ORGANIZATION! THAT SHACK MUST ONLY BE THE ENTRANCE TO A VAST UNDERGROUND FACTORY!
AFTER YOU, TAMURO.
NO DUMPING
WHAT, AGAIN ?!
DO IT FOR THE MOTHER-LAND, YURA!
WHADDYA WANNA DO, JUST WALK IN ?!
AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO THINKS THIS IS SICK?

HEADQUARTERS WAS SMART TO USE THE MR. PIG FAD TO CARRY OUT OUR AGENDA.
NOT TO MENTION CHEAP. I MEAN— SELLING IMITATIONS ON THE SIDE! REALLY.
HURRY! WE GOTTA MAKE TOMOR-ROW'S SHIP-MENT!
COMIN' RIGHT UP!
RATTLE RATTLE
AT LEAST WE'VE GOT A JOB THIS WAY.
VOOP

.....
.....
.....
.....
GET OUT! YOU'RE BLOCKIN' THE WAY!
MUSH
OH HH H!
WAK!
NKHH!
OOF!
OHH-- OHH-- OHH-
HEY! IT'S THAT PSI-ONIC !!
TURN AROUND, IDIOT, TURN AROUND !
AH! I'M STUCK! I'M STUCK !
THE JCIA HAS TAKEN OVER OUR TRASH CAN!
ARE YOU NUTS?! WHAT WOULD THE JCIA WANT WITH OUR TRASH?!

SO... WHERE'S THIS VAST UNDER-GROUND FACTORY?
LOOKS MORE LIKE AN "EARN SOME EXTRA CASH AT HOME" SETUP.
YOU MUST HAVE TELE-PORTED TO THE WRONG PLACE!
EFFI CIEN CY!
PSST PSST PSST
MAYBE THEY'RE FAKE...?
BUT THEY LOOK JUST LIKE THEIR PIC-TURES!
MR. PIG IS HERE, THOUGH.
HEY!
THIS IS THE GENUINE MR. PIG™
ACCEPT NO IMITATIONS
THEY ARE THE ONES!!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
JCIA! FREEZE!!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE REAL.
I DON'T BE-LIEVE IT.

WHO ARE YOU? AND WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS ?!
WE ARE THE BROTHER-HOOD OF THE SUPER-SONIC PIG AND WE SEEK TO CONQUER THE WORLD!!

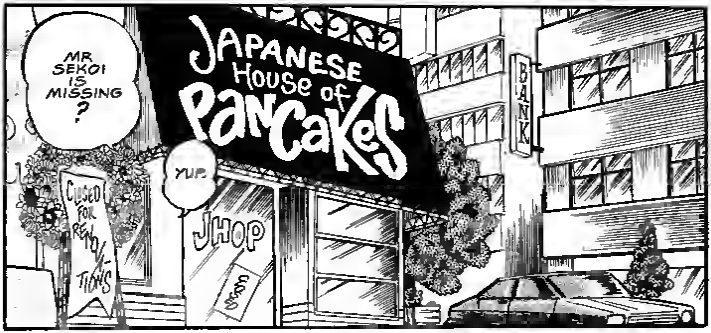

NOT SO FAST! I HAD MY WHOLE INTERROGA-TION ALL WORKED OUT!
HEH HEH HEHH. I LOVE DOIN' THAT TO YOU GUYS.

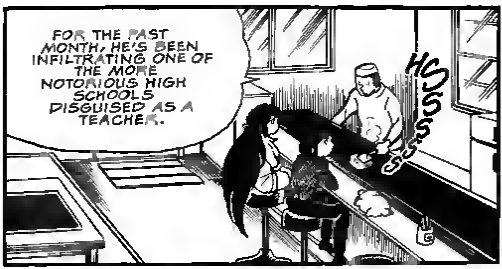
KRAK
AND THIS, TOO!
OINK
PUNT
HE BROKE MY GUN!
NOW RUN!
WHIP

BOING
WHISHHH
SNAP
THOK
SPLATT
OINK
OOPS!!

WHOOOM
"OOPS"
?!
YOU KLUTZ!
AW, SHUT UP! WE DESTROYED THEIR BASE, DIDN'T WE?!
AT LEAST NOW WE KNOW OUR ENEMY.
THE GIANT BROTHERHOOD OF THE SUPERSONIC PIG!
LET US PUT ASIDE OUR DIFFERENCES AND WORK TOGETHER FOR WORLD PEACE!
JUST HOW GIANT DO YOU THINK THIS "BROTHERHOOD" IS?
SOMETHING TELLS ME WE'RE GONNA BE DEALING WITH A LOT OF MORONS FOR A LONG TIME TO COME.
HE TALKS JUST LIKE OUR CHIEF!

WASTED MINDS
PART TWO
THE PIG IS DEAD.
LONG LIVE THE ROACH!


MR. SEKOI IS MISSING?
JAPANESE House of PANCAKES
BANK
YUP.
CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS
JHOP
USSR

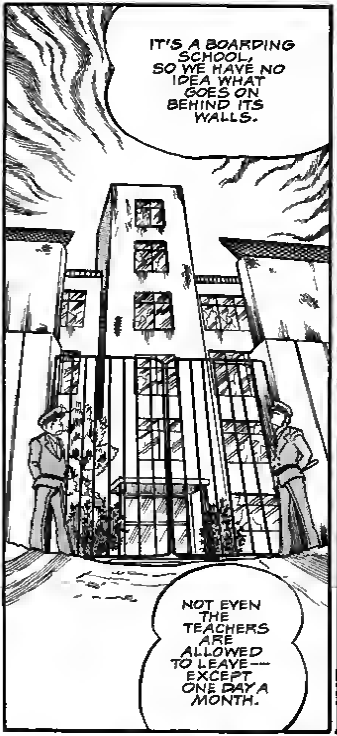

FOR THE PAST MONTH, HE'S BEEN INFILTRATING ONE OF THE MORE NOTORIOUS HIGH SCHOOLS DISGUISED AS A TEACHER.
HSSSS

THREE DAYS AGO, WE LOST CONTACT.

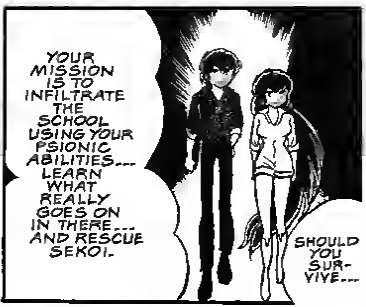
A HIGH SCHOOL?
IS THE JAPANESE CIA WORKING WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION?

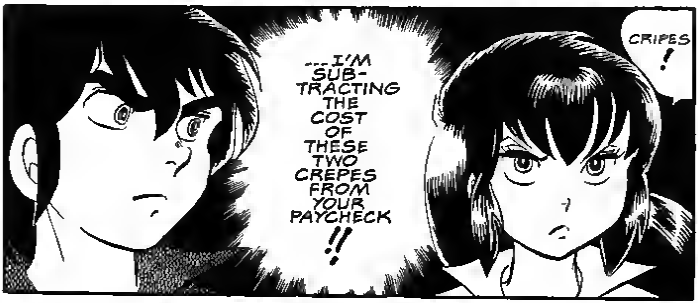
NO, BUT THAT HIGH SCHOOL...
HERE YA GO, ONE SQUID CREPE...
HURRY UP WITH MY SHRIMP CREPE!

ACCORDING TO OUR REPORTS, THEY TEACH SOME... STRANGE THINGS.
HSSSS


IT'S A BOARDING SCHOOL, SO WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT GOES ON BEHIND ITS WALLS.
NOT EVEN THE TEACHERS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE--- EXCEPT ONE DAY A MONTH.

THE LOCALS CALL IT "FURLOUGH DAY." THEY HONOR IT BY CLOSING THEIR SHOPS AND BARRING THEIR DOORS.
IT SEEMS THAT THE UNLEASHED STUDENTS GO BERSERK.
MEATS


YOUR MISSION IS TO INFILTRATE THE SCHOOL USING YOUR PSIONIC ABILITIES... LEARN WHAT REALLY GOES ON IN THERE... AND RESCUE SEKOI.
SHOULD YOU SURVIVE...


CRIPES!
...I'M SUBTRACTING THE COST OF THESE TWO CREPES FROM YOUR PAYCHECK!!

KODENMA PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL.
CLASS, LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW TRANSFER STUDENT, MISS ENJOUJI.
I'M SURE YOU'LL FIT IN VERY NICELY.
YAKKA YAKKA CHATTER
FWEET
WHOA! HOT BABE!
BLAH BLAH
SHOW US WHAT YOU GOT!!

UMM... G'MORNING. I'M YURA.
YOUR SEAT IS IN THE BACK ROW.
OKAY.
HOME-ROOM IS OVER. GOOD LUCK.
B-BUT MR. DEAD-BODY!...
HEH HEH HEH
HEH HEH HEH

WHASSA MATTER, YUKA? YOUR SEAT'S WAY IN THE BACK!
WHY DON'CHA TAKE IT?!
TUK TUK
YEAH! COME ON!
TUK TUK
BETTER HUR-R-R-R-R-Y!
WHISH

TOK
OR SOME-THIN' BAD MIGHT HAPPEN!
HUH! HUH! I GET FIRST FEELS!
SO, YOU COMIN' OR NOT?!
YMMMM

SHA AA
OW WW W!!
M-MY ANKLE !! YEEE OWCH!
.....
.....
TU-
FUMP

MAN, WHAT A DIRTY SCHOOL....
TUNK
TORN
FOOL
LIKE ONE HUGE DUMP...
SO HOW ABOUT IT? CAN YOU CATCH SEKOI'S SCENT?
OR IS THE GARBAGE SMELL THROWING YOU OFF?
OR ARE YOU JUST TOTALLY USELESS...?
SHHFF
ZZZZ

HEH, HEH, HEH. YURA ENJOJI---A TRANSFER STUDENT, EH?
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
YES, MR. CHAIRMAN.
THEY'VE TAKEN THE BAIT... THE BAIT NAMED "SEKOI."
YURA
DOB
VITAL STATS B:34" W:24" H:34"
NURTURING A POPULATION OF DELINQUENTS THROUGH A DEGENERATE SCHOOL, THEN RELEASING THEM INTO SOCIETY...
...THIS IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE GREATER BROTHERHOOD OF UNITED PIGS!
TOO BAD SEKOI FOUND US OUT. TOO BAD FOR HIM.
AND FOR HER. EVEN IF SHE IS A JOJA PSIONIC... SHE IS MERELY A GIRL!
HSS S
VITAL STATS
THE SEKOI TREAT-MENT ?
HMM...THIS TIME, LET'S GIVE THE STUDENTS SOME EXERCISE.
SHE
.....
.....

SO THESE ARE THE TEXT-BOOKS...
THOSE POOR IMPRESSION-ABLE YOUNG MINDS...
BIO II: DISSECTION and YOU
LIES THAT PARENTS ALWAYS BUY
ENGLISH II
PHYSICS: ADVENTURES IN BOMB-MAKING
CLASSICS: LADY CHATTERLY'S LOVER
CHEMISTRY: POISON GAS
THUNK
ENGLISH 101
STUDYING ON YOUR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?
SUCH A NICE GIRLIE.
HOW CAN YOU EVEN UNDER-STAND THIS STUFF?!
BRD
PHYSICS: ADVENTURES IN BOMB-MAKING
WANNA BE THE TEACHER'S PET?!
THEY CAN'T BE FOR REAL...

YOU GAVE ME A BRUISE, Y'KNOW THAT? AN' I WAS FLAWLESS 'TIL THEN.
OH, YOU WERE ONE OF THEM? I'M SORRY.
JUMP
CONFUCIUS SAYS, "IF 'SORRY' SOLVED ANYTHING, WHY DO WE GOT POLICE?"
CONFUCIUS, HUH?
GET ON YOUR KNEES AND KISS MY FOOT.
I'LL GET SICK!
THEN I'LL FORGIVE YOU.
DO AS YOU'RE TOLD!
YOU WANNA GET SICK OR YOU WANNA GET HURT?
DON'T RUIN THE MERCHANDISE!
WE GOT PLANS FOR THAT NEW MEAT!
I... DON'T... LIKE... VIOLENCE!!
WHAT?
POW
YEOW!!

GET HER!
THE... THE LITTLE...
JAB
HACK
TUG
HEY!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HOLD HER DOWN! I'LL SHAVE HER HEAD!

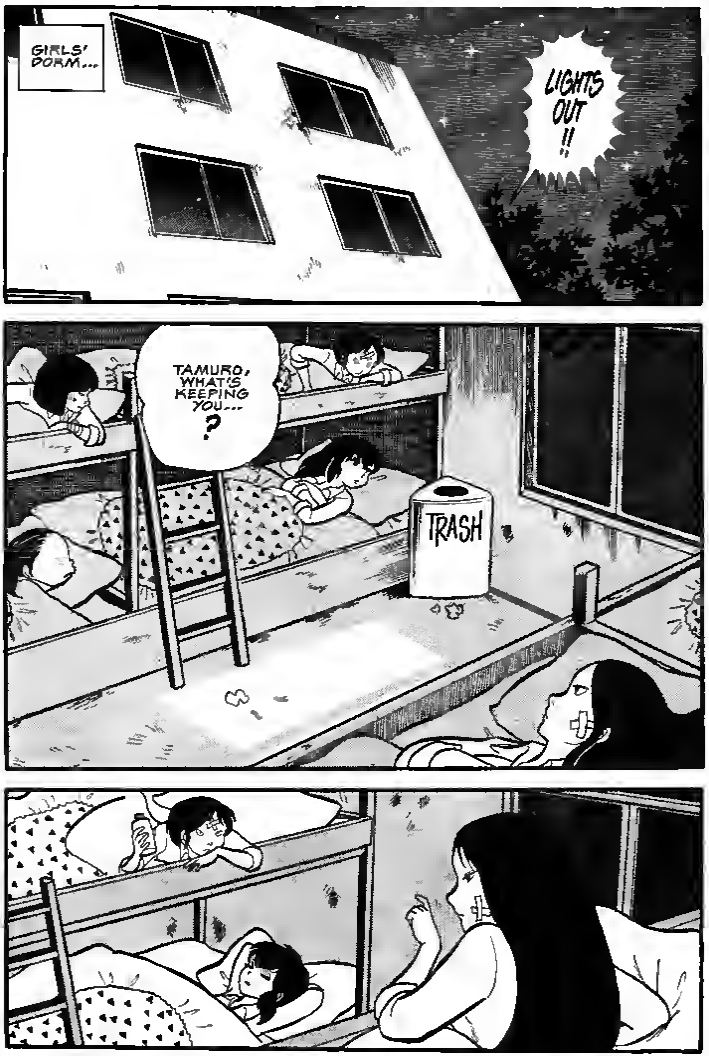
MY...MY BEAUTIFUL HAIR ?!
NEVER!
DOOM
DO'ER!!
FOOL
VIPP
WHOA!
KRRRAKK

WHACK
CRASH
WHAT'S ALL THE RACKET...?
YEEOW!
WA AAH!
YURA?
TAMURO!
SO YOU POLITELY ASKED THEM TO STOP?
W-WELL... WHAT ELSE WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO?
NOW YOU TELL ME.
WASN'T IT CONFUCIUS WHO SAID... "A WOMAN'S HAIR IS HER LIFE"?
OH, THEY WERE TERRIBLE! THEY CUT MY HAIR!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THEY'RE ALREADY ON TO YOU.
THIS SCHOOL IS ANOTHER "PIGY" PROJECT.
MAYBE. BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER.
DO YOU THINK I TIPPED MY HAND?
AND I THINK IT'S TOO LATE...
...FOR MR. SEKOI.
IT CAN'T BE!
I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT EITHER.
ANYWAY, I'M GOING TO CHECK OUT THE BUILDINGS.
YOU TRY TO GET SOMETHING ABOUT SEKOI OUT OF THE STUDENTS.
I'LL CONTACT YOU TONIGHT.
WHERE?
LEAVE A TRASH CAN BY YOUR BED.

FACULTY RESIDENCE....
SHHH
WELL, I'LL NEVER RUN OUT OF PLACES TO TELEPORT TO AROUND HERE.
WHAT IS THIS, THE CLOSET?
HAVE A DRINK, MR. DEAD-BODY?
....
THANKS, MR. FAT-BODY.
HOW'S YOUR WIFE?
WELL... I SAW HER TWO WEEKS AGO--- ON FUR-LOUGH.
OH, HOW I WISH I COULD LIVE WITH MY FAMILY...

NOT THINKING ABOUT ESCAPING, ARE YOU...?
NO, NO! OF COURSE NOT!!
I DON'T WANT TO END UP LIKE MR. SEKO!
I'D GO CRAZY IF I WERE LOCKED UP IN THAT TERRIBLE PLACE!
YOU BET YOU WOULD.
EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE... IF WE JUST DO WHAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TELLS US.
FIT
NOW LET'S GET OUR FUTONS OUT.
POOF!
CREAK
FLOSSY FLOSSY


GIRLS' DORM...
LIGHTS OUT !!
TAMURO, WHAT'S KEEPING YOU...?
TRASH

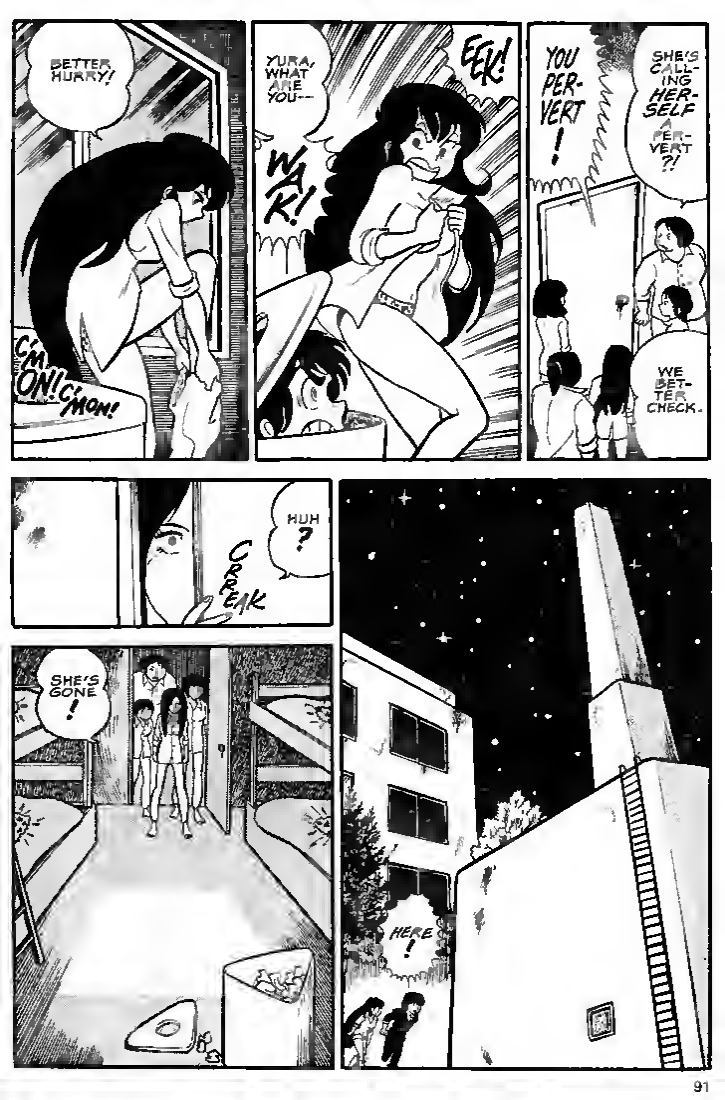
HA HA!
OH!
THE EXTERMINATOR
PS SSST
AA AA!!
NOW!
KILL HER!
KOFF KOFF
DON'T CARE HOW STRONG YOU ARE--- YA CAN'T DO NOTHING IF YOU CAN'T BREATHE!
PSST
GIVE 'ER SOME MORE!
SHWIP
TRASH

WHPP
TRASH
KOFKOFF
GYAAA!
WHPP
FUNK
TRA
WHIP!
THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE TRASH!
IT LOOKS LIKE ANTENNAE!
A GIANT COCKROACH?!
I CAN'T BREATHE!
GET THE EXTER--
HEY!!
WHOA!

HOW DARE YOU...
KNNNCH
...TREAT ME...
SPLAT
...LIKE ROACH!
FWAAKK
OOOOOOH!
CLINK
SHWWP
THANKS, TAM.

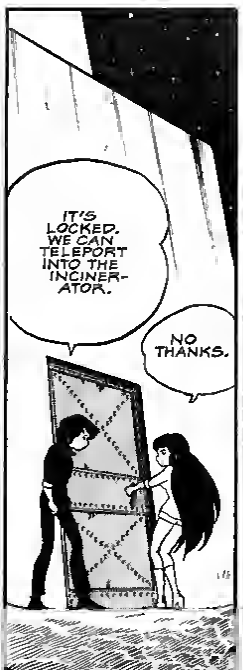
DO YOU KNOW THAT A TEACHER NAMED SEKOI HAS BEEN MISSING FOR FOUR DAYS?
S-SO WHAT?!
WHERE IS HE? IF YOU KNOW, YOU'VE GOT ONE MINUTE...
KROOM
...TO SAY IT!!
OR SHOULD I TWIST HER HEAD OFF?!
OKAY, OKAY!
YOU MADE YOUR POINT!

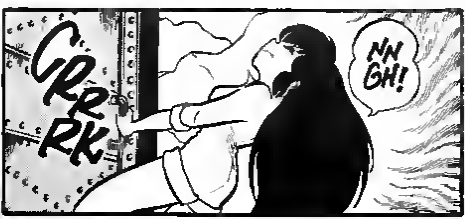
THEY SAY HE TRIED TO ESCAPE. ANYBODY WHO TRIES THAT...
...STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ALIKE...
...GET PUT IN THERE...
...AND NO ONE HAS EVER COME OUT OF THERE ALIVE!
SO WHERE THE HECK IS THERE, ANYWAY...?!
WAS THAT... YOU?
SHOOSH
Y-YEAH. THR-THROAT'S A LITTLE SORE FROM THE BUG SPRAY...
SO... WHERE IS THIS PLACE?
THE BASEMENT OF THE INCINERATOR.
THANKS! NOW CAN YOU GET OUT OF HERE FOR A MINUTE?
TRASH
WHAT...
OKAY, OKAY...


BETTER HURRY!
C'MON! C'MON!
YURA, WHAT ARE YOU--
EEK!
WAK!
YOU PER-VERT!
SHE'S CALL-ING HER-SELF A PER-VERT?!
WE BET-TER CHECK.
KUH?
CREEAK
SHE'S GONE!
HERE!

PHEW!E
CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT SMELL?
IT'S BUG SPRAY! I CAN'T HELP IT!

BESIDES, BUGSPRAY GIRL AND COCKROACH BOY COULD BE THE ULTIMATE DYNAMIC DUO.
WHO'RE YOU CALLING COCK-ROACH BOY?!


IT'S LOCKED. WE CAN TELEPORT INTO THE INCINER-ATOR.
NO THANKS.


GRRRK
NN GH!

RRRAK
THERE! AND I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO GET DIRTY!

THEY THREW HIM IN HERE...
IN THE GAR-BAGE...
TM TM TM TM
CRUNCH
AND ONCE YOU'RE IN...
...THERE'S NO WAY OUT.
SHFF
!?
SKITTER
EEEEE!!
A GIANT COCK-ROACH !!

GET HIM, BUG-SPRAY GIRL!!
HEY, HE'S YOUR COUSIN, GARBAGE-LOVER!!
SHATTER
OHMIGOD! IT'S COMING THIS WAY!!
QUIT THAT, YOU'RE BREAKING MY RIBS!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
M-MR. SEKO!
SHEEF
YOU... YOU'RE ALIVE!
IN FACT, YOU LOOK HEALTHIER THAN EVER!
THE GARBAGE HERE IS VERY NUTRITIOUS.
PAT PAT
YOU MEAN... YOU'VE BEEN EATING IT---?!
MERE SQEAMISHNESS CANNOT BREAK MY IRON RESOLVE.
GLMP GLMP
MORE LIKE YOUR IRON STOMACH!

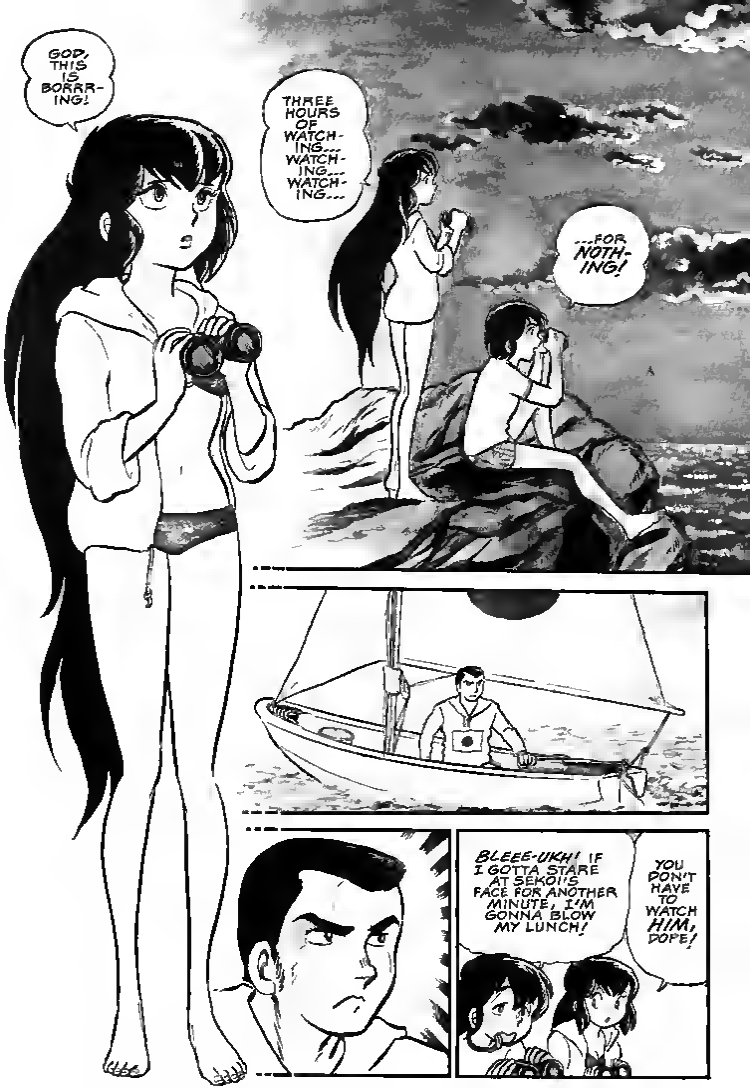
GLUB
GLUB
TH-THIS IS...
GASO-LINE !!
PFFT
FOMP
YOW!
TAMURO! TELE-PORT US !
DIG DOWN TO TRASH THAT'S NOT BURNING !
WHAT A WASTE... SO MANY MEALS...
YOU IDIOT !
IT'S HOT !

HA, HA, HAAAA! A FINE VIEW, ISN'T IT, MR. PRINCIPAL?
YES, MR. CHAIRMAN.
I LOVE THE SMELL OF BURNING PSIONICS IN THE EVENING!
SHRIAK!
HA HA HA!
BURN THIS, CHUMP!!
FOOM
!?
THREE CINDERS FROM THE INCINERATOR!
OH, A CINDER, AM I?!

I GUESS YOU THINK IT'S FUNNY TO BURN MY HAIR OFF, EH?!
JERK
JERK
AND THIS TIME WE WERE SO CLOSE!
WHEN YOU FIGHT THE JCIA, YOU'RE NEVER CLOSE!
YOUR FATAL MISTAKE WAS NOT THINKING WE'D USE TWO PSIONICS!
AND YOUR OTHER FATAL MIS-TAKE...
...WAS UNDER-ESTIMA-TING MY IRON RESOLVE!
MNCH MNCH
WILL YOU CUT THAT OUT?!
SPLAAAT
WHAT ABOUT MY HAIR?!?
JAIL'S TOO GOOD FOR THESE... THESE HAIR-BURNERS!
THIS CASE IS CLOSED.
EXCEPT FOR THE UN-PLEASANT AFTER-TASTE.

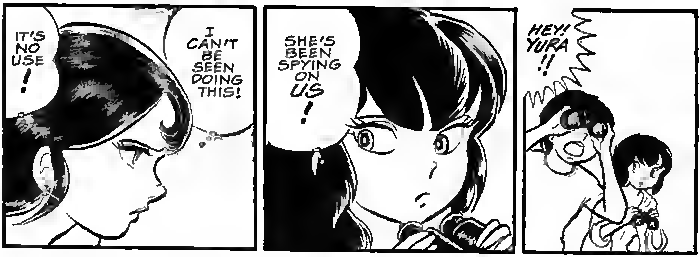
EVEN WITH THEIR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD IN CUSTODY, I DON'T THINK THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE PIG WILL GIVE UP ON THIS SCHOOL SO EASILY!
I DON'T THINK THE STUDENTS ARE GOING TO BE CURED OF THEIR PROBLEMS TOO EASILY EITHER.
WHZ WHZ
INCLUDING YOUR PARTNER.
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP PLAYING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ?!
BUT... THEY MADE ME LEADER OF THE PACK!
TELL IT, GIRL!

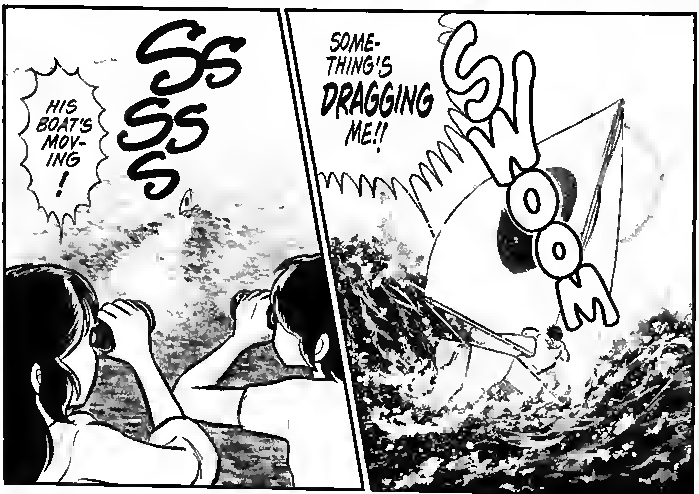
WASTED MINDS
PART THREE
WATER WHIRLED


GOD, THIS IS BORRR-ING!
THREE HOURS OF WATCH-ING... WATCH-ING... WATCH-ING...
...FOR NOTH-ING!
BLEEE-UKH! IF I GOTTA STARE AT SEKOI'S FACE FOR ANOTHER MINUTE, I'M GONNA BLOW MY LUNCH!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WATCH HIM, DOPE!

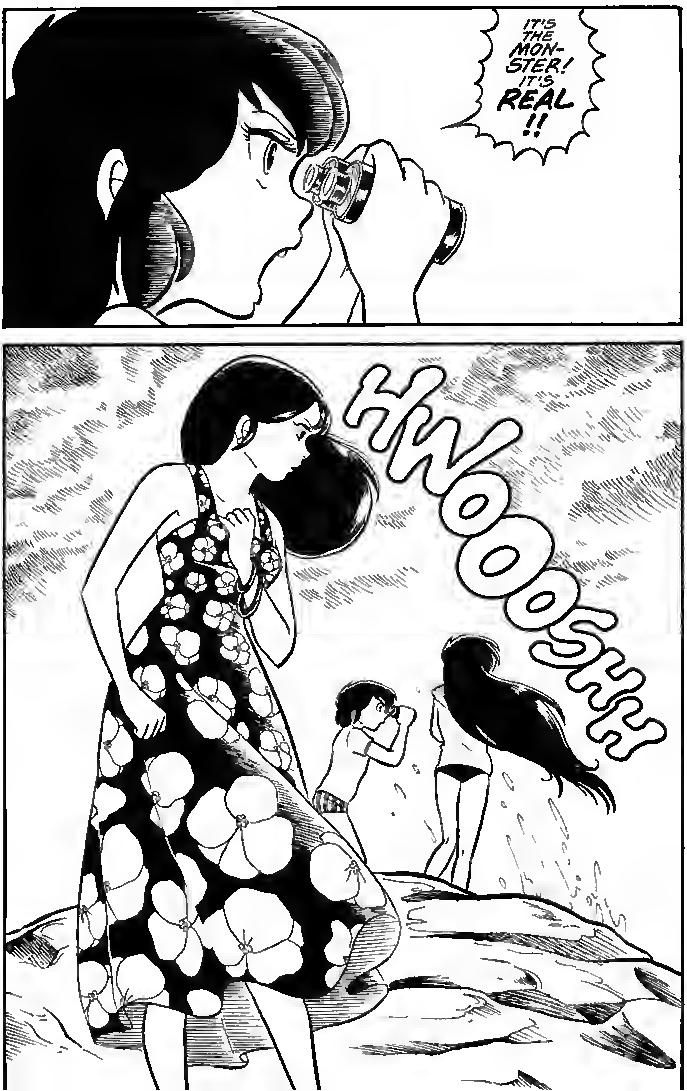
HHSSSHHH
I BET THIS "SEA MONSTER" IS A HOAX ANYWAY
SO HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE TWELVE DROWNINGS THIS YEAR?
=YAWN NNN NNE
HWOOOSH
HUH? WHO'S SHE?

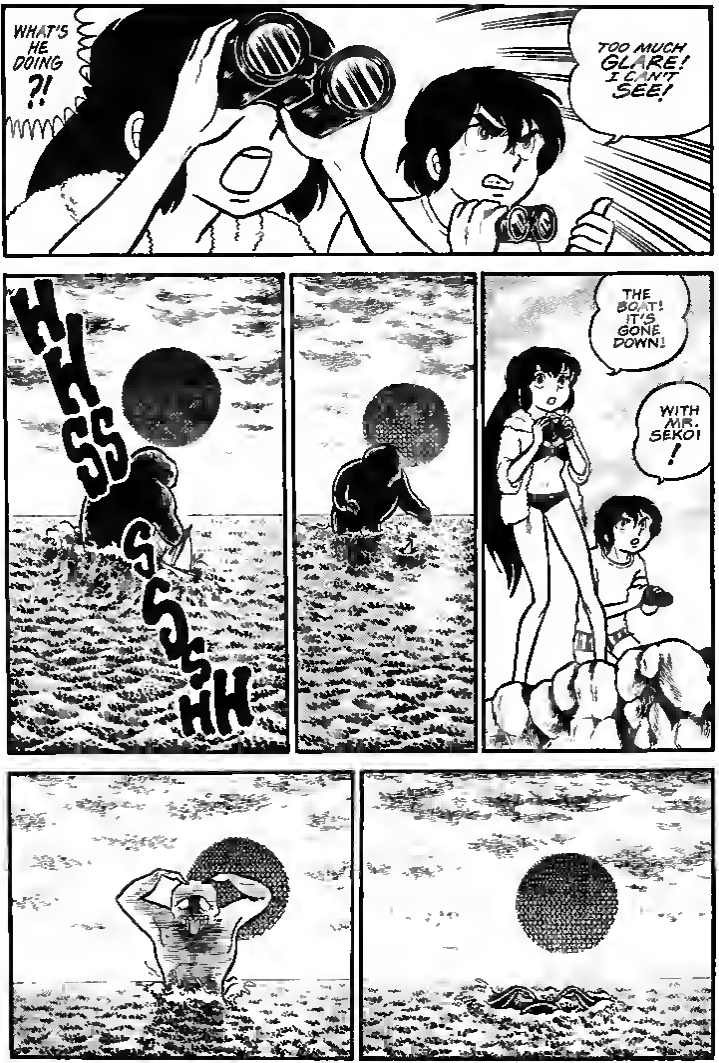
HOW LONG ARE THEY GOING TO SIT THERE?
HOW LONG HAS SHE BEEN THERE?
LOOKS AWFULLY NERVOUS...


IT'S NO USE!
I CAN'T BE SEEN DOING THIS!
SHE'S BEEN SPYING ON US!
HEY! YURA!!


SSSSS
HIS BOAT'S MOVING!
SOME-THING'S DRAGGING ME!!
SHOOM

FWOOOSH
BLURB BE B
BLOOR
SSH
WAAK!!
FWOOOSH
THE SEA MON-STER !!


IT'S THE MON-STER! IT'S REAL !!
HWOOSH!


WHAT'S HE DOING ?!
TOO MUCH GLARE! I CAN'T SEE!
HSSSSSSHH
THE BOAT! IT'S GONE DOWN!
WITH MR. SEKO!

WAS I... PATTING ITS HEAD?
SOME KINDA SIGNAL?!
BUT A SIGNAL MEANS... THERE HAS TO BE SOMEBODY TO RECEIVE IT!
HEY!!
THAT WOMAN... SHE'S GONE!
HSSHH
MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER
PLOP SSH
HE SWAM ALL THE WAY TO SHORE!
WHAT A MAN!
MR. SEKOI...?!
BUH... PK... KET!

"BUCKET" ?!
WHAT ABOUT A BUCKET ??
OW !!
WHAT HAPPEN ?!
I CUT MY FOOT ON.... ON....
AN OLD CAN!
LOOK AT THAT TRASH! IT'S DISGUSTING!
PEOPLE MAKE ME SICK.
HSSHHH
DRIFTWOOD INN
DRIFTWOOD INN
OHH HH...

C'MON, MR. SEKO!
YOU'RE GONNA MAKE IT!
BUH H...
...KUH... KKKK KET...
"BUCKET" AGAIN!
IT'S ALL HE'S SAID!
Y'ALL WANT A SLICE O' WATER-MELON?
UH... SURE.
INCENSE BURNER
HAVIN' A ROUGH VACATION, EH?
YEAH.
Y'ALL OUGHTTA JUS' THANK THE GODS HE'S STILL WITH YA!
AS LONG AS THERE'S ANYTHING LEFT TO EAT, HE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
MA'AM, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THAT SEA MONSTER...?
OH, PSHAW! EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL! LIKE TO GROWED UP ON THE LEGEND, I DID!
LEGEND?
TELL US ABOUT IT!

Y'REALLY WANT TO HEAR IT?
OH, WE DO! WE DO!
VRR
ZOOM
POOF
GAK!!
SHE'S REALLY INTO THIS...
DINNG
I H-H-HATE S-SCARY STORIES!
OH, GET A GRIP!
"THE FISHERMAN AND THE MONSTER." AUTHOR UNKNOWN. PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY ME!
DING
IT WERE A DARK AND TERRIBLE NIGHT...
...AND ON ALL THE SEA, ONLY ONE MAN DARED TO FISH...
THERE BE EVIL IN THE AIR TONIGHT...
...SAYS HE.
AND THEN...

GIIIVE MEEEE A LAAA-DLE !!
EEEEK!!
GAA AA!!
KRAKL
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE ?
AH... AH...
MUH... MUH... MY NECK!
HERE! LET ME FIX IT!
AUGH !!
SNAP
CAN I GO ON?
SORRY IF I BROKE YOUR TRAIN OF THOUGHT.
NOT TO MEN-TION MY NECK!
IT WAS A GHOST WHO WANTED THAT LADLE. AND THAT SCAREDY-CAT FISHERMAN HANDED IT OVER...
NEVER DREAMIN' THAT THE GHOST...
...WOULD USE THE LADLE TO SCOOP SEAWATER INTO HIS BOAT!
AAAA!!

AND NEVER STOPPED... UNTIL THE BOAT WAS SUNK!
GNDI
EEE EEK!
MY BUH-BACK!!
GLOMM
EVER SINCE THEN, OUR MEN-FOLK ALLUS PUT TO SEA WITH A BOTTOMLESS LADLE...
...'CAUSE YOU CAIN'T SCOOP WATER WITHOUT NO BOTTOM!
AN' EVERY TIME THAT GHOST SAYS...
I'LL BE BAAAACK...
...AS HE SINKS INTO THE WAVES.
A LADLE, EH?
TINKLE
SUBSTITUTE A BUCKET FOR THAT LADLE, AND...
SURELY YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BED ALREADY!
BUH-KET... BUH-KET...
AFTER THE WAY YOU TREATED ME, THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO!

TWEET TWEET
DRIFTWOOD INN
CHIRP CHIRP
THANKS, MA'AM. SEE YOU LATER.
STOMP STOMP
MM?
WHO'D BE STOMPING AROUND AT THIS TIME OF THE MORNING?
WHOOP

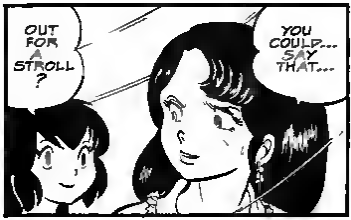
THUMP
TAMURO! GET UP!
A SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING BUNCH OF MEN JUST LEFT THE INN!
....
....
THERE WERE ABOUT A DOZEN OF 'EM! BUT YOU KNOW WE'RE THE ONLY GUESTS IN THIS PLACE!
OH...?
SNUGGL
REALLY--
NOW LOOK! WE LOST 'EM BECAUSE OF YOU!
=YAWN=
LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY!
WHUMP

HEY. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY DID SOMETHING HERE.
WAIT A MINUTE...
HSSHH
THIS IS WHERE THAT TRASH WAS!
THEY CLEANED IT UP!
MAYBE IT WAS SOME EARTH FIRST! GROUP OR SOMETHING!
LET'S FOLLOW THE TRACKS!
WEIRD. WHY WOULD THEY DRAG THE TRASH OVER HERE?
HSSSH
OH!
SHOOM

THAT SAME WOMAN!
HHSSSH
CUHEFF
POOF
PLOOOOOOSHHH
TAMURO! YOU GET THAT BOTTLE WHILE I DISTRACT HER!
IT'S AS GOOD AS GOT!

GOOD MORNING!
GASP!

SO...WE MEET AGAIN!
Y-YES... SO WE DO...

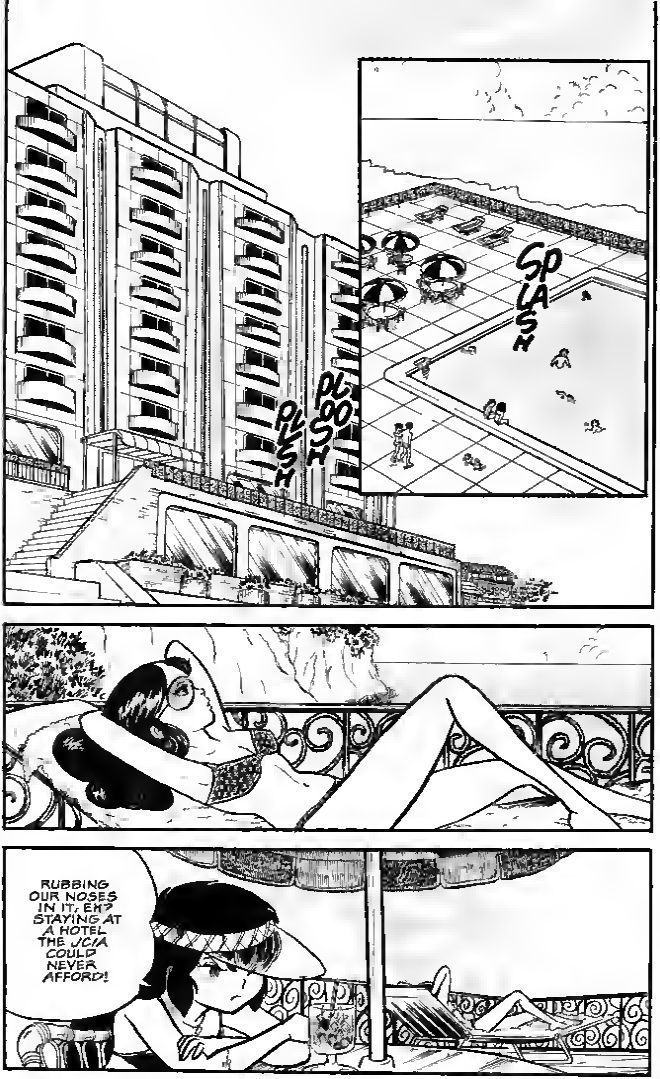

OUT FOR A STROLL?
YOU COULD... SAY THAT...

TWO DAYS IN A ROW... THIS IS NO COINCI-DENCE!

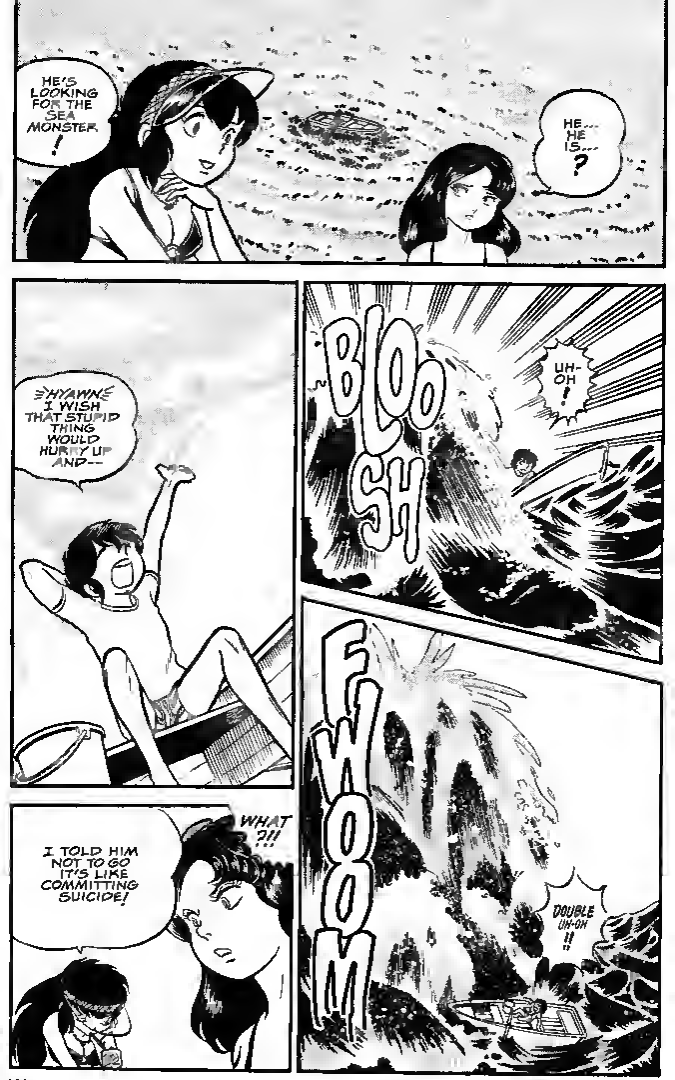
WELL. SEE YOU LATER.

NERVOUS AS A CAT. SOMETHING FISHY IS...

PLISH PLOSH
TA-MURO! DID YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
THE BOTTLE HIT A ROCK AND BROKE. I SAVED THE NOTE, THOUGH!
BUT THE INK SMEARED!
I CAN STILL MAKE OUT A FEW OF THE WORDS...
boat
sinks into the sea,
united
ing beauty
thus
"...BOAT...SINKS INTO THE SEA... THUS... UNITED...--ING ...BEAUTY. ADI TOKUGAWA."
"UNITED?"
AS IN "UNITED PIGS"?!
OUR MORTAL ENEMIES!


PLOP
PLOP
PLOP
SPLASH
RUBBING OUR NOSES IN IT, EH? STAYING AT A HOTEL THE JCIA COULD NEVER AFFORD!

THAT GIRL AGAIN...
SHE'S FOLLOWING ME! SHE HAS TO BE!
SHE MUST HAVE DISCOVERED MY PLAN!
LOOK AT THAT SMILE! SHE'S A COLD ONE, ALL RIGHT!
PLAYING CAT AND MOUSE, EH? SHE'LL PAY FOR THAT, THE ARROGANT PIG!
MAY I JOIN YOU?
WE SEEM DESTINED TO MEET!
PLEASE DO!
MY--? OH, HIM!
WHERE'S YOUR BOY FRIEND?


HE'S LOOKING FOR THE SEA MONSTER!
HE... HE IS...?
YAWN~ I WISH THAT STUPID THING WOULD HURRY UP AND--
BLOO SH
UH-OH!
FWOOM
DOUBLE UH-OH!!
I TOLD HIM NOT TO GO IT'S LIKE COMMITTING SUICIDE!
WHAT?!!

SPLAT
SPLAT
OOOOOM
IT'S ABOUT TIME!
KREEEK
KREEEK
IF YOU SAY SO...
GIIIII-IIIVE MEEEEE A BUUUU-UUCKET!!
KREEEK

OOOOH
KREEK
KREEK
GULP
EWW!
GARBAGE!!
RAAAUGH
PLOP
PLOP
THE SEA MONSTER!
OHHH!
THE SEA MONSTER!
BLG
GLRB
WHAT'S HE DOING?!
HHSSH
....
HE'S FACING RIGHT THIS WAY. THE SIGNAL MUST BE MEANT... FOR HER!

SHISHI
CAN I HELP WITH ANYTHING?
BUT YOU'RE A GUEST, HONEY!
I-I KNOW...BUT I WANT TO KEEP BUSY!
THEY STILL HAVEN'T FOUND YOUR FRIENDS, EH?
WELL, I S'POSE YOU COULD TOSS THOSE SCRAPS OUT.
TH-THANKS.
COULD IT BE TRUE...?
COULD TAMURO REALLY HAVE...HAVE...
HE NEEDS TRASH TO TELEPORT... AND HOW COULD HE EVER HAVE FOUND TRASH--
--IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN?!

EEE EEE!
WHAT'S WRONG, HONEY?
SQUISH
SQUISH
SQUISH
Y-Y-YOU'VE G-GOT A LOT OF TRASH IN HERE!
I'LL TAKE IT OUT!
WAIT! THAT AIN'T READY TO GO YET!!
WHERE'D SHE GIT OFF TO?!
IIPP
TAMURO!!
SPLOP
PLAP
SPEAK TO ME!!
NYUUUU
CUH THA OW!!

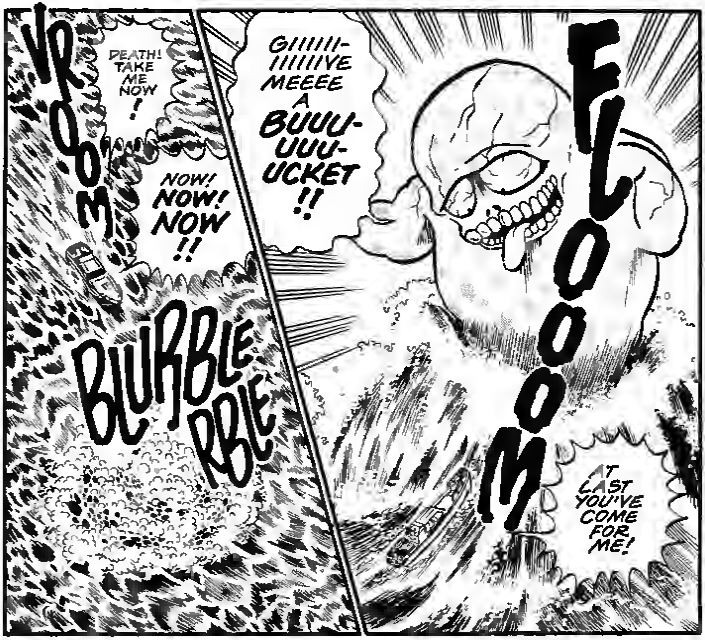
YOU'RE A LUCKY BOY, SONNY!
SORRY IF I WORRIED YOU.
WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE RICEBALLS YOU WERE MAKING EARLIER?
OH, THEY ALL WENT TO MY REG'LARS.
OH?
DRIFTWOOD INN
SO AT LEAST WE SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF THE BUCKET.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THOSE UNITED PIGS ! SINKING BOATS WITH GARBAGE! HOW DISGUSTING CAN YOU GET?!
AT LEAST IT GAVE ME A WAY TO "TRASH-PORT"!
WHAT ABOUT THESE "REGULARS" THE OLD LADY WAS TALKING ABOUT?
MAYBE THOSE "TRASH COL-LECTORS" THIS MORNING?
VERY WEIRD.

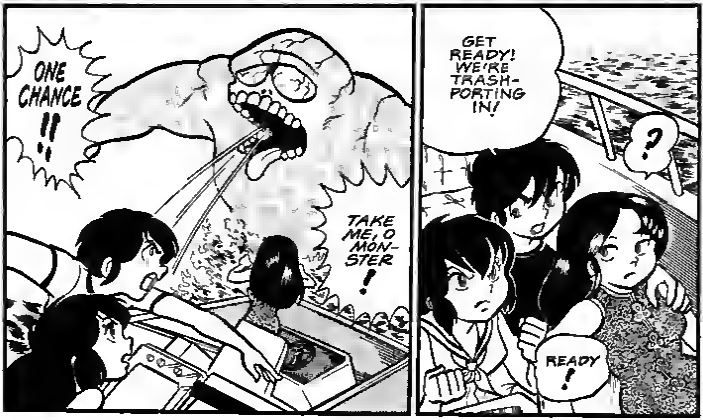
TWEET TWEET
RIFTWOOD INN
ALL RIGHT HERE'S THE CHECK.
I'FRAID THAT'S ALL I HAVE TODAY.
SEE YOU LATER, MA'AM.
TRY ME T'MORROW, SONNY.
GASP!
WAKE UP !!
YHOP
IT'S THOSE JCIA PSI-ONICS !
WHAT'RE THEY DOIN' HERE?!
STOP!
NEVER !!
SHH MMP
RUN !!
VROOM
THE UNITED PIGS !!

DUMP
HAVE SOME BREAK-FAST!
VRRMM
VRRRRRRR
AARGH!!
HEY! THERE'S ANOTHER BOAT!
LET'S HITCH A RIDE!
PUTT PUTT PUTT
THIS TIME I WON'T BE STOPPED!
I WON'T LET ANYONE GET IN MY WAY!
EXCUSE US!!
TUMP TUMP
TUMP
MIND IF WE JOIN YOU?

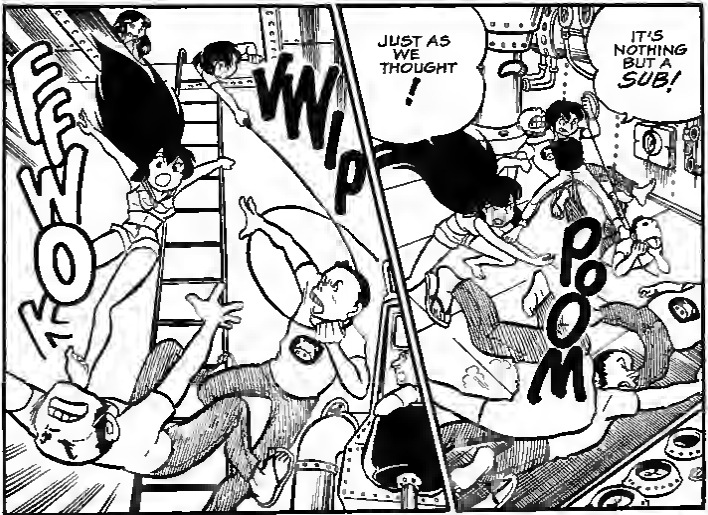
OH! THE TOKUGAWA CHICK!
SO! TRYING TO STOP ME, EH?
SKWEE
YOW!!
VROOOOM
THIS IS THE LAST STRAW!
WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO INTERFERE WITH ME, ANYWAY?!
OH, RIGHT! YOU WORK WITH A SEA MONSTER AND YOU CRITICIZE US!
ANYBODY WHO'D WORK WITH THE UNITED PIGS DESERVES WHATEVER SHE GETS!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
DON'T PLAY DUMB! WE SAW YOUR MESSAGE!
FWAP FWAP
MY SUICIDE NOTE?!?

"I WILL SAIL MY BOAT INTO THE SUNSET UNTIL IT SINKS INTO THE SEA, AND THUS I WILL BE UNITED WITH THE BEYOND IN THE AGONIZING BEAUTY OF TWILIGHT." --AOI TOKUGAWA
YOUR WHA--?!
SIGHE HOW BEAUTIFUL!
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ROMANTIC TO PUT IT IN A BOTTLE FOR SOME GORGEOUS YOUNG BEACHCOMBER TO FIND!
HOW COME YOU'VE GOT IT??
KRUMPL
Y'KNOW, IT'S JUST STUPID ENOUGH--
--TO BE TRUE!
PLEASE, AOI, DON'T BE HASTY!
THERE ARE MANY BEAUTIFUL THINGS TO LIVE FOR.
OH, SHUT UP!
I'VE HAD ALL THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS! WITH MY MONEY AND BEAUTY--
--THERE'S NOTHING I HAVEN'T HAD!
I'M SO BORED THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME BUT THE PERFECT DEATH!
SO YOU'RE GOING TO GET US KILLED TOO?!
CONSIDER YOURSELVES LUCKY!
THE SEA MONSTER WILL COME FOR US SOON!
ISN'T IT ROMANTIC?
D'YOU GET THE FEELING SHE'S NUTS??

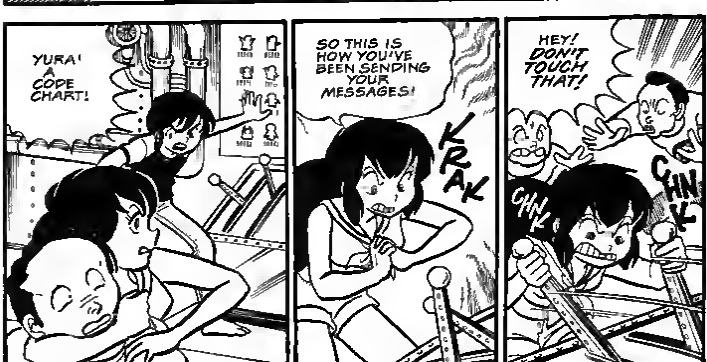

FLOOOOM
GIIIIII-IIIIIIVE MEEEE A BUUU-UUU-UCKET !!
AT LAST YOU'VE COME FOR ME!
DEATH! TAKE ME NOW !
NOW! NOW! NOW !!
BLURBLE RBLE
VROOM

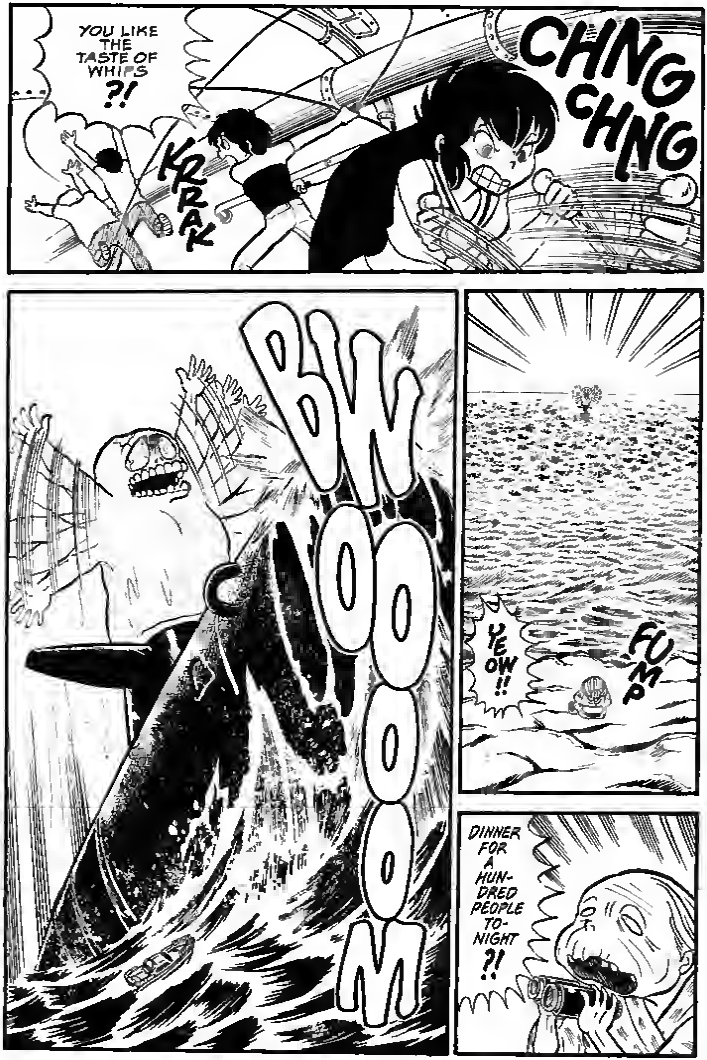

GET READY! WE'RE TRASH-PORTING IN!
?
READY !
ONE CHANCE !!
TAKE ME, O MON-STER !

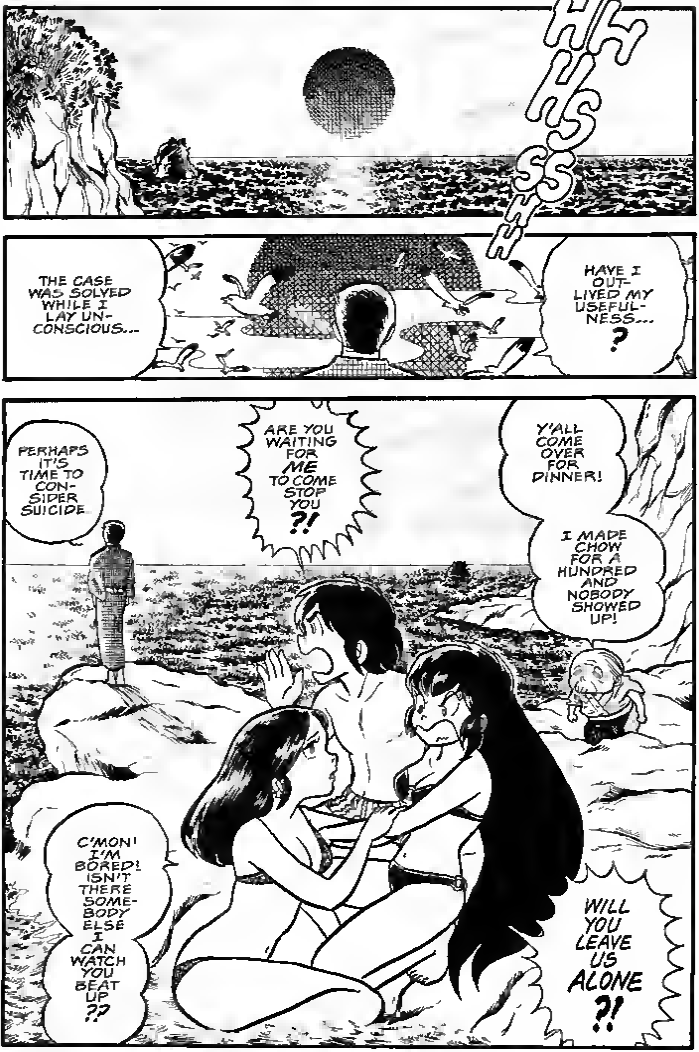
FFFFF
BLAH!
FFFTTT
PPPP
SPLOOCH
REFUSE
POWWW
HUH?!
WHAK
BIFF
WUZ-ZUP?!


WOOF
WHIP
JUST AS WE THOUGHT!
IT'S NOTHING BUT A SUB!
POOM

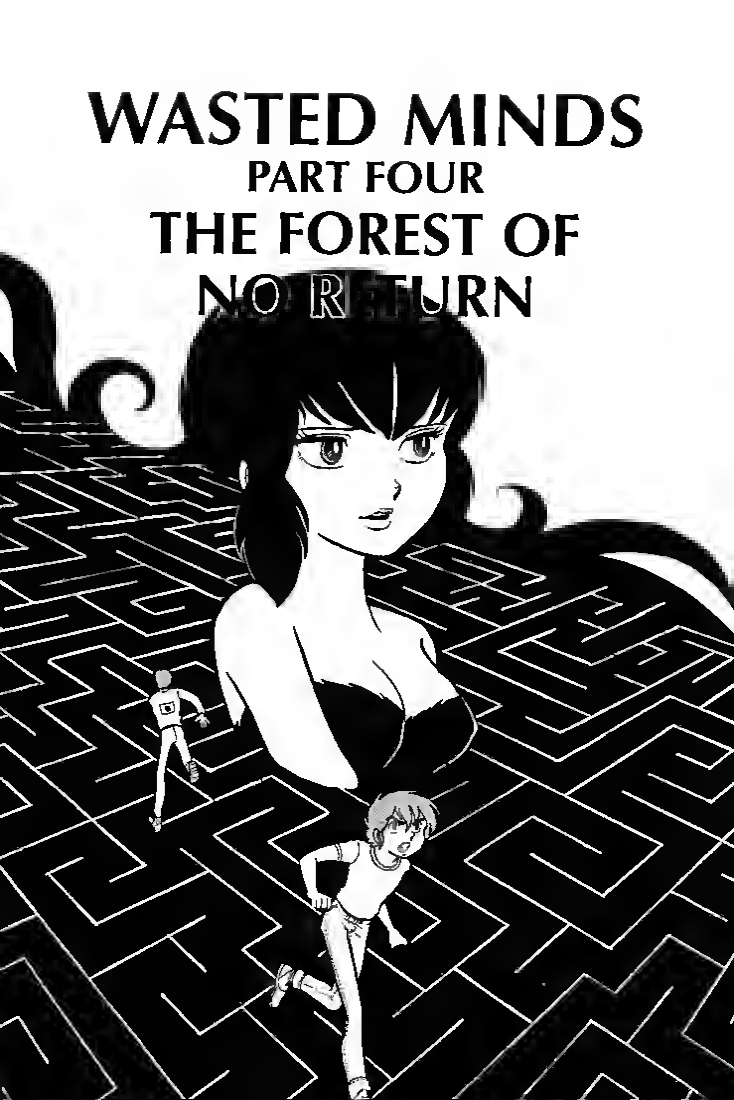
WHOA! COOL!
THUD
I FEEL THE WILL TO LIVE AGAIN!
BAM!

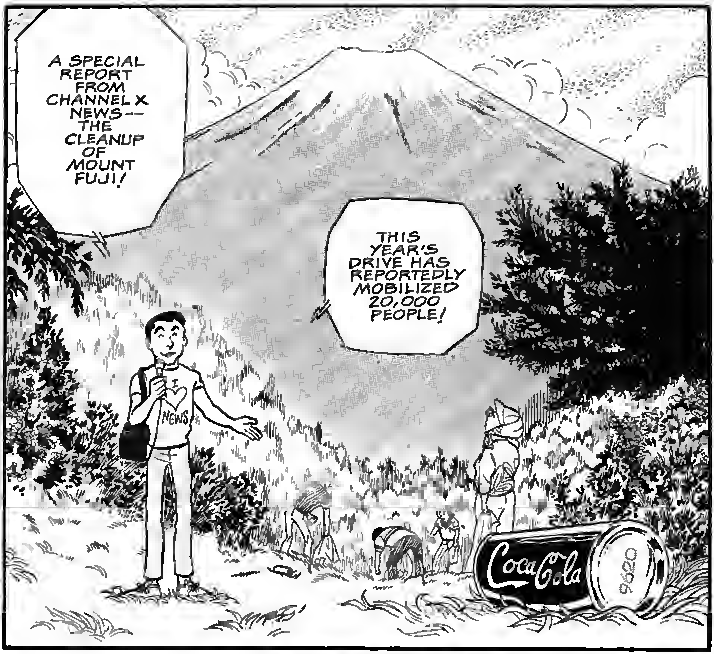

YURA! A CODE CHART!
SO THIS IS HOW YOU'VE BEEN SENDING YOUR MESSAGES!
KRAK
HEY! DON'T TOUCH THAT!
CHNK
CHNK


YOU LIKE THE TASTE OF WHIPS ?!
KRAK
CHNG CHNG
BWOOOOOM
YEOW !!
FUMP
DINNER FOR A HUNDRED PEOPLE TONIGHT ?!


HHSSSSSSSS
HAVE I OUTLIVED MY USEFULNESS...?
THE CASE WAS SOLVED WHILE I LAY UNCONSCIOUS...
PERHAPS IT'S TIME TO CONSIDER SUICIDE
ARE YOU WAITING FOR ME TO COME STOP YOU?!
Y'ALL COME OVER FOR DINNER!
I MADE CHOW FOR A HUNDRED AND NOBODY SHOWED UP!
C'MON! I'M BORED! ISN'T THERE SOMEBODY ELSE I CAN WATCH YOU BEAT UP??
WILL YOU LEAVE US ALONE?!

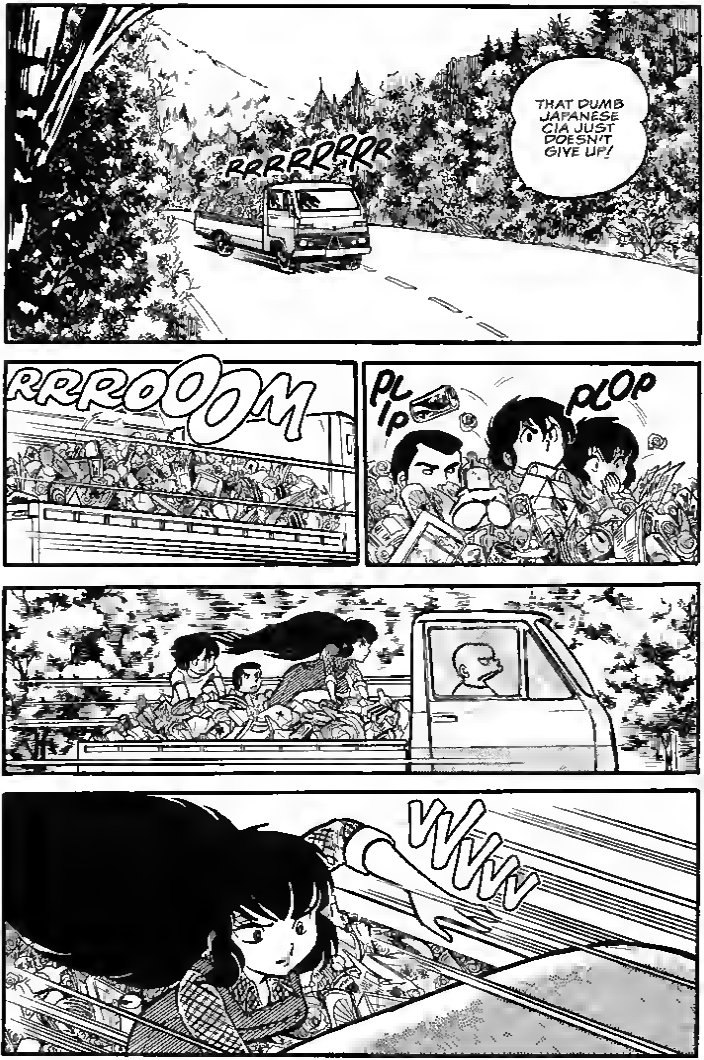
WASTED MINDS
PART FOUR
THE FOREST OF NO RETURN




A SPECIAL REPORT FROM CHANNEL X NEWS-- THE CLEANUP OF MOUNT FUJI!
THIS YEAR'S DRIVE HAS REPORTEDLY MOBILIZED 20,000 PEOPLE!
NEWS
Coca-Cola
LET'S TALK TO ONE OF THESE DEDICATED, GOOD-NATURED VOLUN--
WAK!
STOP, UNITED PIGS !!

A GETAWAY TRUCK! THAT'S NOT FAIR!
SKWEE
VRRRRM
ARR RGGH!!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW, TAMURO?
RROOMM
WHAT ELSE?! IT'S TRASH-PORT TIME!
GOD, I HATE THIS.
WAIT! WHERE'S MR. SEKO! ?!
HE WAS RIGHT BEHIND US...

MY NAME IS SEKOI.
MY OCCUPATION IS A SECRET!
WE DIDN'T ASK.
WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM?
THERE IS AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE "BROTHERHOOD OF THE UNITED PIGS"...
AND WE'VE OBTAINED INFORMATION THAT THEY'VE INFILTRATED THE MOUNT FUJI CLEANUP PROJECT AND ARE COLLECTING GARBAGE TO...
WUMMP
NOT SO CLOSE TO THE CAMERA!
MR. SEKOI!
MORON!
WE MUST PUT A STOP TO THIS GARBAGE ABUSE...
JERK
YOU COULD'VE JUST ASKED.
YOU COULD'VE SHUT UP!
ENOUGH EXPOSITION! LET'S ADVANCE THE STUPID STORY!!
GA!!
POOF


RRRRRRRR
THAT DUMB JAPANESE CIA JUST DOESN'T GIVE UP!
RRROOOM
PLIP
PLOP
VVVVV

VR
RA
AK
CH
MP
YOW
!!
BAM
BA
M
OWIE!
OWIE!
OWIE!
BAM!
THE
WHEEL
!
SK
EEE
EEK!
HEY!!
WHOO
OOPS!
CR
ASH
YOU
!!
WH
AK
E

HALT !!
STOMP
THRASH
CAW CAW
COME ON, MR. SEKOI!
UH-HUH.
THEY'RE PROBABLY JUST SMALL FRY, ANYWAYS.
LET'S GIVE UP AND GO HOME.
THEY'RE PROS AT RUNNING AWAY, AT LEAST.
AFTER ALL THAT... GONE!
...
...
COULD THIS PLACE BE...
CRUNCH CRUNCH
YEAH, BUT NOW HE'S ACTUALLY WORKING!
MY GOD, YOU'RE RIGHT!
HE WAS BORN WEIRD!
SAY, YURA-- DON'T YOU THINK SEKOI'S ACTING A LITTLE WEIRD?
....

WHEW
THR-
ASH
WE'VE BEEN WALK-ING AROUND FOR AN HOUR.
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE LOST.
....
HMM
YURA WHAT'S WRONG ?!
SHFF
....
....
WHERE ARE YOU GOING ?!
SMASH SMASH
DO I HAVE TO SPELL IT OUT, MORON ?!
SHWA PP

A PHYSIOLOGICAL NECESSITY.
CRUNCH CRUNCH
BOKE MY TOOF...
SIGH
NOW WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK LIKE YOUR DOG JUST DIED!
THERE IS SOMETHING... THAT CONCERNS ME...
WHAT?! SPIT IT OUT!
EEEEEE!
CRASH
ACK! ACK! ACK!
CRACK
OOOOOM

EEEEEK!!
UH-OH!
WAAAAH!
GLOMP
ZIP
THE HORROR! THE HORROR!
BRRR
KRAK
YURA, WHAT'S SO TERRIFYING?!
HER, FOR STARTERS!!
WHOM
TH-TH-THIS WAY...!
STAY BEHIND ME! I'M SKILLED ENOUGH TO FOLLOW YOUR TRAIL!
IT'D BE HARDER TO FOLLOW AN ELEPHANT'S TRAIL

OH..
WHAT THE..
THE COM-PASS...
SQUIK
PLOP
MY GOD!
WHAT IS IT?!
HUG
J-J-JUST WHAT I F-FEARED THE MOST!

THIS... IS THE DREADED BLUE FOREST !!
THE WHA...?!
LOOK AT THIS COMPASS !
THE NEEDLE'S SPINNING!
YES! THE ROCKS HERE GENERATE MAGNETIC FIELDS-- RENDERING A COMPASS USELESS!
AND THROUGH THIS ANCIENT GROWTH THERE IS NO YISIBILITY !
THE BLUE FOREST IS A MAZE FROM WHICH THE LOST CAN NEVER ESCAPE!
"THE LOST"?? B-B-BUT THAT'S US !
TAM-URO! TRASH-FORT US!
HOW?! THERE'S NO TRASH HERE!
HE CAN HELP US!
THE BULL-DOG?
HE CAN FOLLOW OUR SCENTS BACK TO THE ROAD!
EASY-- SINCE WE SMELL LIKE TRASH!

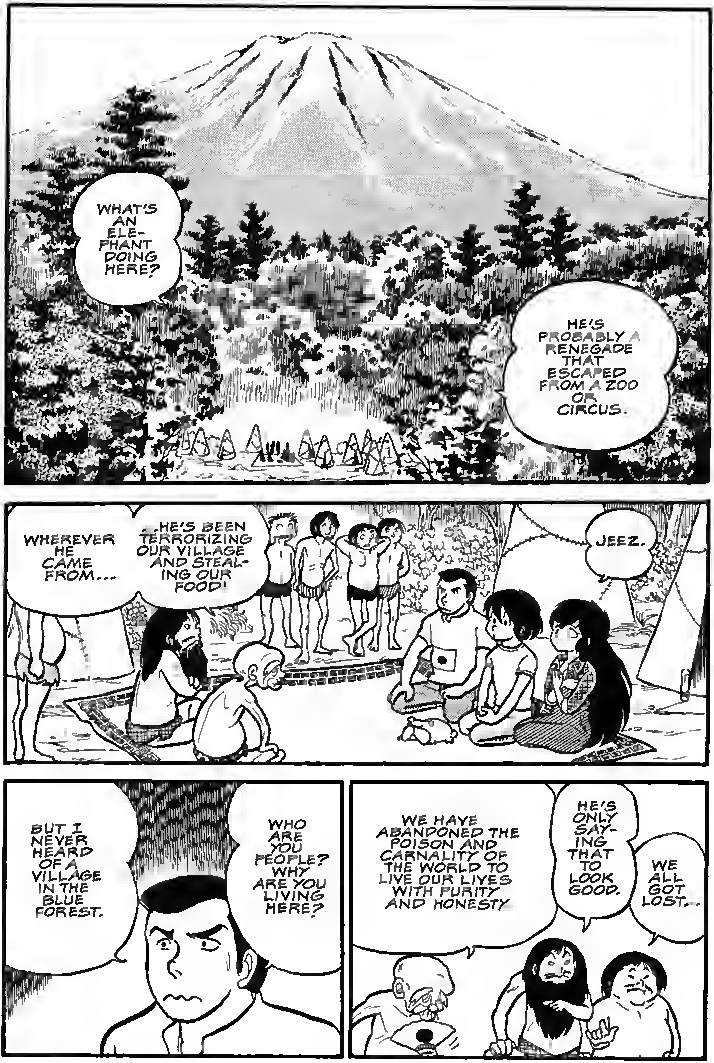
C'MON, BOY! GET THE GARBAGE! GET THE GARBAGE!
OH, THANKS A LOT!
WUFF
BOP
ONE MORE TIME.
NOT THE COCKROACH! THE GARBAGE !!
HEY, WAIT A--
SHHFF
SHWIP
HUH?!
YOW! WHAT IS THIS ?!?
SHWIP
BOA CONSTRICTOR !!
THERE AREN'T ANY BOA CONSTRICTORS IN JAPAN ! HELP ME !!
I HATE SNAKES !
TRAITOR !!
CHOMP

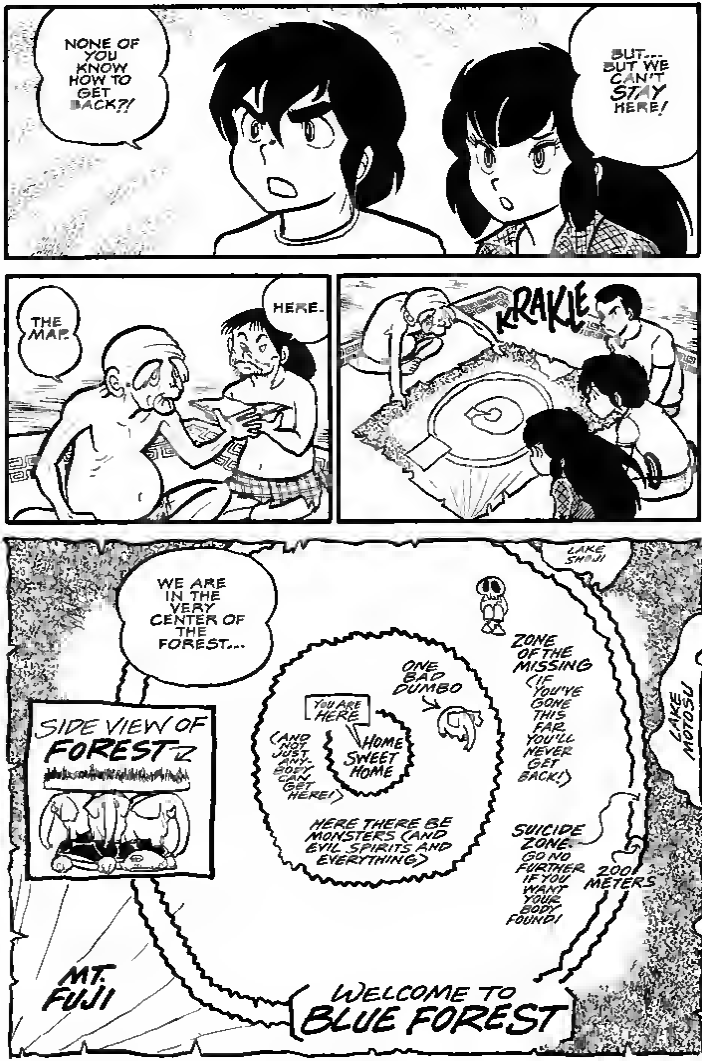
BL
AA
TT
KRR
AK
WU
MP
WH--
!?!
DON'T MAKE EYE CON-TACT!
CR
AC
K
....

BWEEEE!
POOM
POOOM
I TOLD YOU NOT TO MAKE EYE CONTACT!
ELE-PHANTS, YET.
PMPF
UGH!
HYAH!
BABOOOM
YEOW!!
YOU WANT MORE?!
YEEPP
AROOO!

VWIP
GLINT
SLASH
EEEEK!
BLOOP
HOO HOO!
WHAT'S THE IDEA, PERVERT?!?
SHCAMM

SPLENDID, SPLENDID!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
PLEASE HONOR OUR VILLAGE WITH YOUR PRESENCE!
!?
WHO ARE YOU...?
WE HEARD THE NOISE AND SCARCELY DARED HOPE...
FAP
OH, PRAISE YOU FOR VANQUISHING THE BEAST!


WHAT'S AN ELEPHANT DOING HERE?
HE'S PROBABLY A RENEGADE THAT ESCAPED FROM A ZOO OR CIRCUS.
WHEREVER HE CAME FROM...
...HE'S BEEN TERRORIZING OUR VILLAGE AND STEALING OUR FOOD!
JEEZ.
BUT I NEVER HEARD OF A VILLAGE IN THE BLUE FOREST.
WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE? WHY ARE YOU LIVING HERE?
WE HAVE ABANDONED THE POISON AND CARNALITY OF THE WORLD TO LIVE OUR LIVES WITH PURITY AND HONESTY.
HE'S ONLY SAYING THAT TO LOOK GOOD.
WE ALL GOT LOST...


NONE OF YOU KNOW HOW TO GET BACK?!
BUT... BUT WE CAN'T STAY HERE!
THE MAP.
HERE.
KRAKLE
WE ARE IN THE VERY CENTER OF THE FOREST...
LAKE SAIKO
LAKE MOTOSU
ZONE OF THE MISSING (IF YOU'VE GONE THIS FAR, YOU'LL NEVER GET BACK!)
ONE BAD DUMBO
YOU ARE HERE
HOME SWEET HOME
(AND NOT JUST ANY BODY CAN GET HERE!)
SIDE VIEW OF FOREST
HERE THERE BE MONSTERS (AND EVIL SPIRITS AND EVERYTHING)
SUICIDE ZONE. GO NO FURTHER IF YOU WANT YOUR BODY FOUND!
200 METERS
MT. FUJI
WELCOME TO BLUE FOREST

YOU NEED TRUE COURAGE AND ENDURANCE TO GET THIS FAR!
YOU'D NEED THE STRENGTH OF AN ELEPHANT, THE DIRECTIONAL SENSE OF A MIGRATING BIRD, AND THE LUCK OF A GAMBLER TO GET OUT!
FLAP FLAP
OH, NOOO...
WE'LL... WE'LL NEVER GET BACK...
IT'S ALL... HOPE-LESS!
SIGH
MR. SEKO!
THIS ISN'T A BAD PLACE TO GIVE UP AND SETTLE DOWN.
NO WAY!!
WHERE THERE ARE PEOPLE... THERE MUST BE TRASH!
LIKE LEFT-OVER FOOD...
MNCH MNCH MNCH
....
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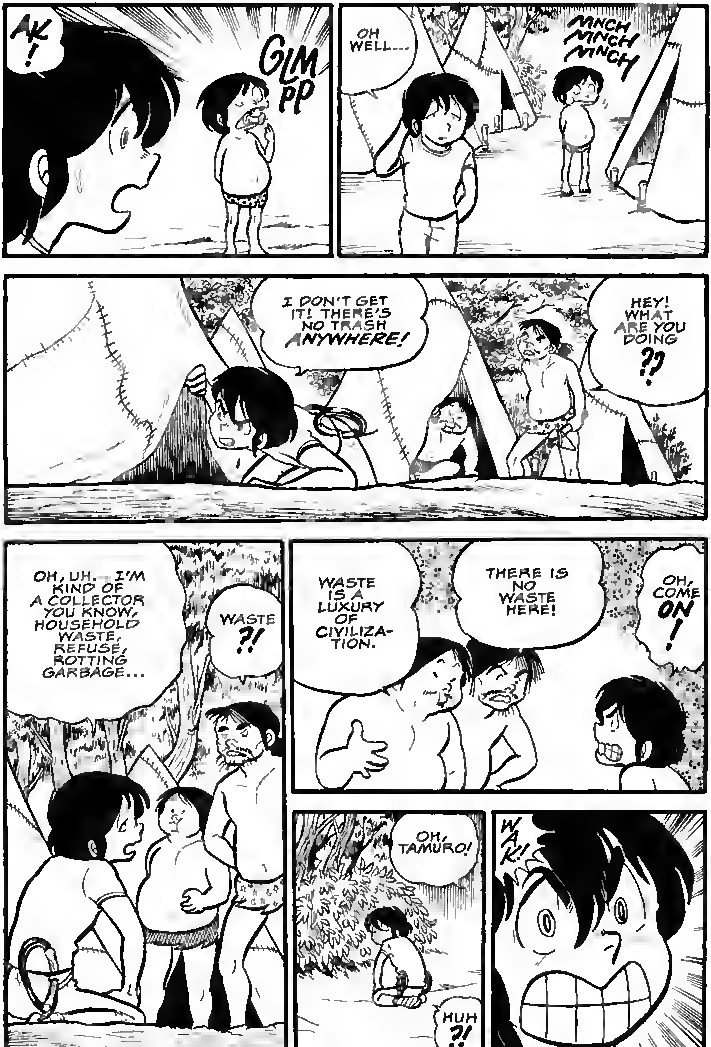
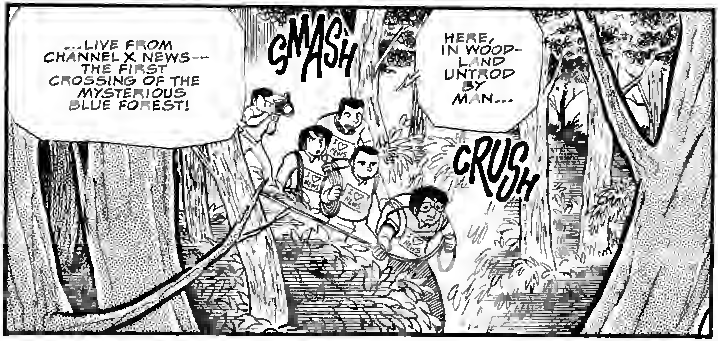

AK!
GLMPP
OH WELL....
MNCH MNCH MNCH
I DON'T GET IT! THERE'S NO TRASH ANYWHERE!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ??
OH, UH, I'M KIND OF A COLLECTOR YOU KNOW, HOUSEHOLD WASTE, REFUSE, ROTTING GARBAGE...
WASTE ?!
WASTE IS A LUXURY OF CIVILIZATION.
THERE IS NO WASTE HERE!
OH, COME ON!
OH, TAMURO!
HUH ?!
WAK!

HOW DO I LOOK?
THEY SAID I'LL FIT RIGHT IN!
YURA, YOU'RE...
MMMM. GOOD STUFF!
SHLURP
YOU'RE DRUNK!?!
ON FRUIT WINE? DON'T BE SHILLY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!?
THERE SHE IS!
DID SHE DRINK IT?!
YOU GAVE HER THAT STUFF--?!
MAKES A GAL RIGHT FRIENDLY, IT DOES!

F-FR-FRIENDLY ?!
WE DON'T GET VERY MANY GALS OUT HERE.
AND WE'RE STILL IN OUR PRIME!
HEH HEH HEH HEHH
BRING 'ER BACK!
HEY, YOU CAN'T KEEP HER ALL TO YOURSELF!
WHAT A SWELL PLACE!
WHASH GOIN' ON?!
SPLASH
HEY, YOU'RE HEADING FOR THE MONSTER ZONE!
IT'S DANGEROUS!
IT CAN'T BE AS BAD AS YOU GUYS!
KRUNCH KRUNCH
HUH?!
ZHOOOOP
THEY... THEY FELL INTO A CAVE!
HEY!
WE WARNED 'EM!


...LIVE FROM CHANNEL X NEWS--- THE FIRST CROSSING OF THE MYSTERIOUS BLUE FOREST!
SMASH
HERE, IN WOODLAND UNTROD BY MAN...
CRUSH

...WITH NAUGHT BUT A LIFELINE TO ENSURE OUR SAFE RETURN TO CIVILIZATION...

...WE PLUNGE INTO THE ANCIENT DARKNESS, EYES AND EARS ALERT TO EVERY SIGN OF LIFE!
I ♥ NEWS

I WON'T LIVE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS... I'D RATHER DIE... DIE...
SHFSHFSHF

OW!
TWONG

A ROPE...?

OH GREAT! IT WOULD BE AN ICE CAVE!
HOLY ME! I'M COLD!
HEY!
THERE'SH A FUR COAT!
WHAT WOULD A FUR COAT BE DOING--
GLOMP
WHO CARESH? ISH HERE! UPSIE--
--DAISY!
WOOM
ERK!!

E-E-E-
BIG-
FOOT
!!
HUH
?
HEH!
HEY!
GET
OFF
HER!
PRETTY...
GIRL!
WHOOMF
UR
GLE!
SPL
AT
OOF
WHAP
HUHHH
HUHH
HUHH
GEDDA
SNOW
FAIRY
?
HHOOOOOO

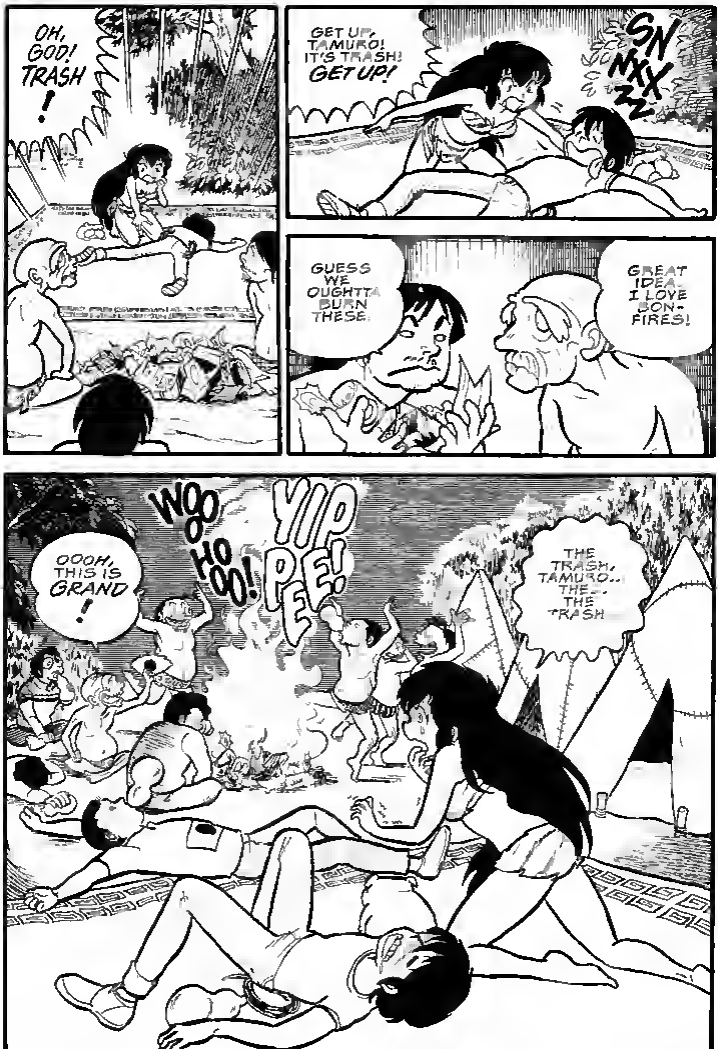
THE MINUTE MY BACK IS TURNED--!
BONNK
BUT HONEY, SHE GRABBED ME!
LET'S GET OUTTA THIS LOONEY BIN!
I--I-- CAN' RUN--- ANY-- MORE--
AND I THOUGHT BOOZE WENT TO YOUR HEAD!
FASSER! FASSER! CAN' YOU RUN NO FASSER ?!
WATCH IT OR YOU'LL BE DRINKIN' THAT WINE ON THE ROCKS!
HUF
HUF
HUF
WHUM
C-CAN'T... GO ON!
HUH ?!
TOOM TOOM
TOOM TOOM
ANOTHER MON-STER !!

TOOM
TOOM
!?
LIVE, FROM CHANNEL X! A LOST TRIBE OF CAVE-PEOPLE!
VRRR
WHAT A DIS-COVERY!
YURA... IT'S THE MEDIA!
WE'RE SAVED!
WE WILL ATTEMPT TO COMMUNI-CATE WITH THESE NATIVES!
I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU!
HEY!
I'LL DRINK T' THAT!
WITH OUR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, THEY PROBABLY SEE US AS GODS.
WHAT A STORY!
I'M NO CAVE-MAN!
WE WERE JUST L-L-L-LOST!
WHAT?! NOT CAVE-PEOPLE!?
SOME STORY.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO CRY ABOUT IT!
HIC! SOOB! BOO HOOOO!
A RESCUED BOY MOVED TO TEARS! LIVE FROM CHANNEL X!
B-B-BUT HOW CAN WE GET OUT? HOW WILL WE EVER...
DON'T WORRY! WE'LL JUST FOLLOW OUR LIFELINES!
SHFF SHFF
EH? WHAT'S WRONG?
BONG
I ♥ NEWS
THE LIFE-LINES... HAVE BEEN... CUT.
BY WHO?!
BY SOME-BODY REALLY... REALLY... STUPID.
DARN IT I JUST CAN'T GET THAT KNOT RIGHT
MR. SEKOI!!

WAAA!
WAAA!
BOO HOO! SOB SOB!
?
I ♥ MEWS
SOMETHING WRONG...?
SHUT UP! I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH LEFT TO GET MAD AT YOU!
SO THERE YOU ARE!
KR
AK
I ♥ MEWS
WHO... SOBBS... WHO ARE YOU?
TROMP TROMP
IT DOESN'T MATTER!
WE WERE ABOUT TO HAVE A PARTY IN HONOR OF THE NEWCOMERS!
HIC! WE'RE SAVED! THANK GOD! HA HA HA HAAAA!
I DON'T THINK YOU GET IT.
MAYBE THAT'S ALL THAT'S LEFT... TO STAY TOO DRUNK TO SUFFER.
HIC! T'HELL WI' CIZI-LIVA-TION!
THIS IS OUR HOME NOW!
WAHOO
WHOOP
T'HELL WIZ EVERY THING!
BURG

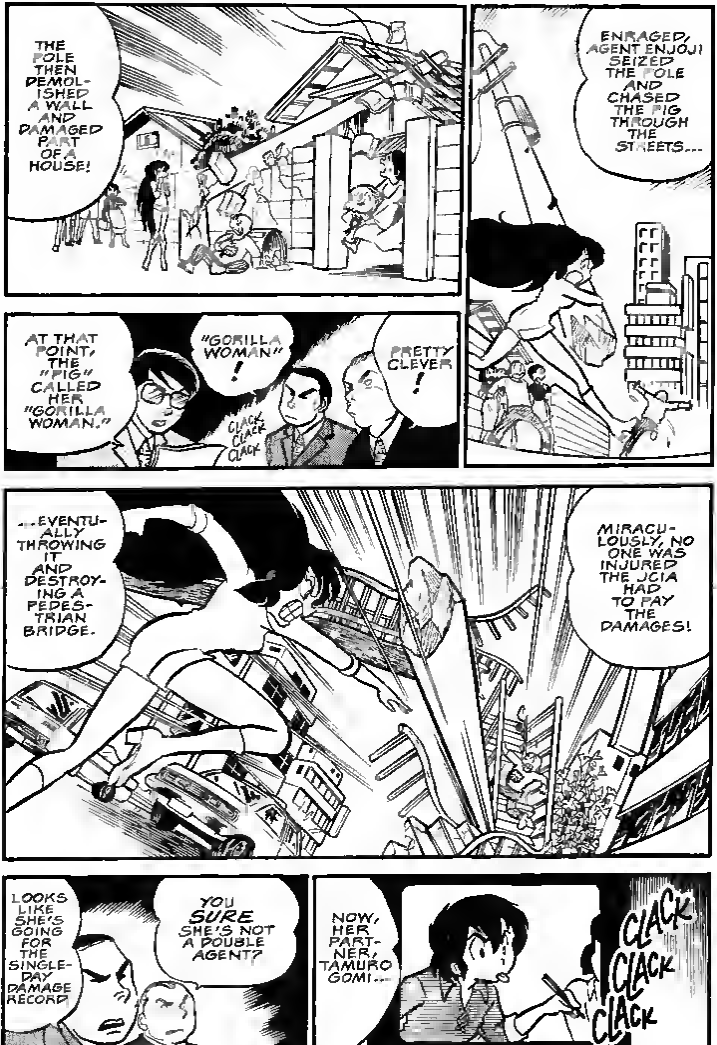
HA' S'MORE, PAL!
KEEP IT... WHITE COMIN'.
'SBEEN SO LONG SINCE WE SAW 'NYBODY NEW!
UHH HHH...
F'R OUR NEW FRUH-FRIENDS!
FOOD!
SHMP
ISSA FEAST!
HEY, DAT GUY'S RULLY RULLY DR-DRUH-DRUNK!
PSST PSST
WE GONNA GET TH' GIR-RUL!
WHA--?! HUH?!
'FWE'RE STUCK LIVIN' HERE, YUR'S GONNA BE BURPE MY WOMAN!
UNNH!
WHA'S ALLA RACKET...?!
FLOP
HOW-CUM MY HEAD HURTS?
MMM...I SURE MISS CIV'LIZED FOOD... BUT NOT ALLA TH' TRASH IT LEAVES.
TRASH??


OH, GOD! TRASH!
GET UP, TAMURO! IT'S TRASH! GET UP!
SNXXZZ
GUESS WE OUGHTTA BURN THESE.
GREAT IDEA! I LOVE BON-FIRES!
OOOH, THIS IS GRAND!
WOO HOO!
YIP PEE!
THE TRASH, TAMURO... THE... THE TRASH

WASTED MINDS
PART FIVE
A TOTAL WASTE

LUNCH TIME, TAMURO!
HERE.
INSTANT RAMEN AGAIN!?
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. WE BLEW OUR WHOLE BUDGET ON THE RENT FOR THIS APARTMENT.
SHLURP
SHLURP
WHEN WILL IT END...?

NO ONE CAN CALL THE JAPANESE CIA OVER-FUNDED, THAT'S FOR SURE.
BUT I HEARD WE'LL BE GETTING BONUSES SOON!
HWOOOOOOOO
THEY'RE DECIDING ON THE AMOUNT AT HQ. RIGHT NOW!
THEY'LL PROBABLY GIVE US A BUCK EACH.
I'M SURE IT'LL BE AT LEAST TEN TIMES THAT!
STOP BEFORE YOU CHEER ME UP TOO MUCH!
JCIA HEADQUARTERS
JAPANESE House of PANCAKES
CLOSED
OKAY... YURA ENJOJI.
CLACK CLACK CLACK
ACCIDENTALLY BROKE A TELEPHONE POLE IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA WHILE FIGHTING THE "UNITED PIGS..."

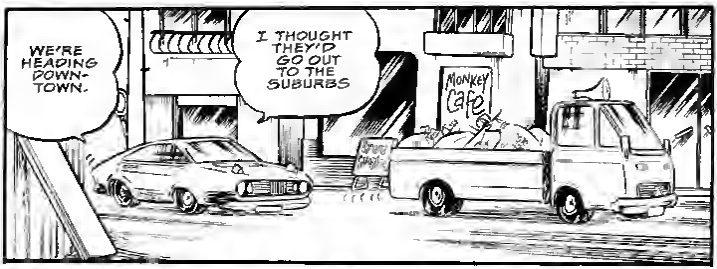

THE POLE THEN DEMOLISHED A WALL AND DAMAGED PART OF HOUSE!
ENRAGED, AGENT ENJOJI SEIZED THE POLE AND CHASED THE PIG THROUGH THE STREETS....
AT THAT POINT, THE "PIG" CALLED HER "GORILLA WOMAN."
"GORILLA WOMAN"!
CLACK CLACK CLACK
PRETTY CLEVER!
...EVENTUALLY THROWING IT AND DESTROYING A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE.
MIRACULOUSLY, NO ONE WAS INJURED THE JCIA HAD TO PAY THE DAMAGES!
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GOING FOR THE SINGLE-DAY DAMAGE RECORD
YOU SURE SHE'S NOT A DOUBLE AGENT?
NOW, HER PARTNER, TAMURO GOMI...
CLACK CLACK CLACK

AS YOU KNOW, HE TELEPORTS USING GARBAGE AS A MEDIUM...
...OFTEN EMERGING FROM TRASH CANS IN OUR PANCAKE FRANCHISES. CONSEQUENTLY...
...OUR RETAIL INCOME HAS SUFFERED BADLY...
...WHICH HASN'T HELPED OUR BUDGET TROUBLES.
MR. SEKO!, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
WELL....
YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF TRAINING THOSE PSIONICS!
IF YOU'D TOLD ME THERE WAS A HIDDEN CAMERA, I WOULDN'T HAVE LET THEM ACT LIKE IDIOTS!
WHAM
IF WE'D TOLD YOU, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN HIDDEN!
SO THE COMBINED BONUSES FOR YURA ENJOJI, TAMURO GOMI, AND TADAYASU SEKO!...
...EQUAL A GRAND TOTAL...
FWAP
...OF NOTHING !!

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
PRODUCE
GARBAGE-EXCHANGE TRUCK!
HERE IT IS!
TAKE MY GARBAGE!
ALL NONFLAMMABLE WASTES EXCHANGED FOR GASOLINE!
SO THE RUMORS WERE TRUE...
PRODUCE
FORM A LINE, PLEASE!
ONLY THIS MUCH...?
FOR THIS LITTLE GARBAGE, YES.
I SHOULD MAKE MORE GARBAGE.
OIL PRICES ARE GOING UP...
...EVERYONE WILL BE DESPERATE TO PRODUCE TRASH!
YOU TWO!
MR. SEKOI!

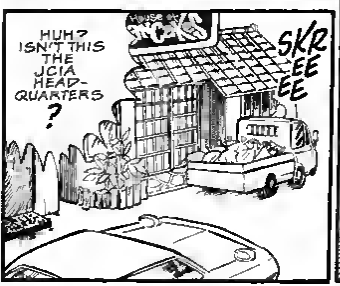
GREAT TIMING FOR ONCE!
CHK
FOLLOW THAT GARBAGE TRUCK!
IF WE CAN FIND OUT WHERE THE TRASH GOES, WE CAN SEE IF THEY'RE UNITED PIGS!
WHHHISSSSHHHH
THEN WE CAN SAY FAREWELL TO POVERTY!
WE'LL GET OUR BONUSES SOON!
ERH!
SCREECH
EEE EEK!
GYAH!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER??
OH... NOTHING...
WOULDN'T IT SUCK IF WE DIED BEFORE WE GOT OUR BONUSES?
LET'S GO ON A SHOPPING SPREE TO MAKE UP FOR EVERYTHING WE WENT THROUGH!

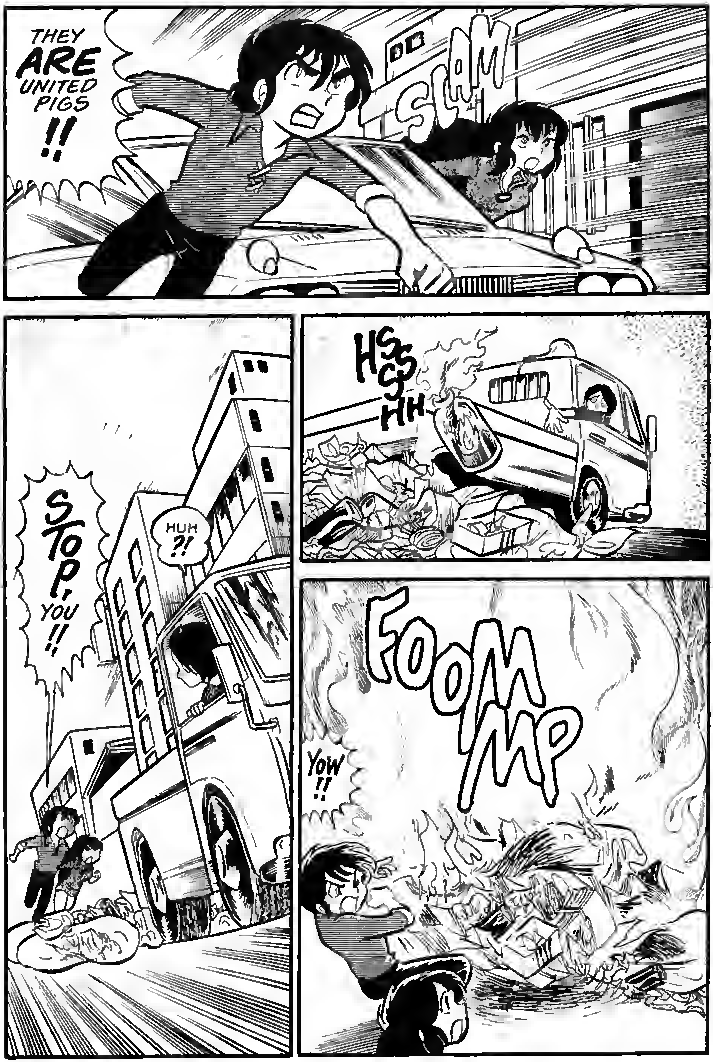
I...I... CAN'T TELL THEM THE TRUTH...
THEY'LL... THEY'LL KILL ME...!!


WE'RE HEADING DOWN-TOWN.
I THOUGHT THEY'D GO OUT TO THE SUBURBS
MONKEY Cafe

THAT'S ODD..
IT SEEMS I'VE JUST BEEN HERE.

HEY!
DUMP


HUH? ISN'T THIS THE JCIA HEAD-QUARTERS ?
SKR EE EE


THEY ARE UNITED PIGS !!
SLAM
HSSSHH
STOP, YOU !!
HUH ?!
FOOM
YOW !!

WHAT'S GOING ON--?!
YE GADS! FIRE!
VRROOOOOOM
OOMM
HEY! AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE OUR PSIONICS?!
WHAT'S THE IDEA OF THE BONFIRE?!
KRAKKLE KRAKKLE
DOES THIS LOOK LIKE A BONFIRE?!
SEKOI! WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?!
UH... W-WELL...
...WE WERE PERSUADING THE UNITED PIGS--
PERSUADING THEM TO WHAT?!
N-NO... I MEAN, PURSUING THEM!
WE LIT OUT AFTER--
OH, SO YOU LIT THE FIRE--?!?
SO YOU ARE DOUBLE AGENTS!
WHAT?!

I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING GOING ON!
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
DEMOLITION WOMAN!
A GUY WHO NEEDS GARBAGE!
DESTRUCTION AND WASTE! EVERYTHING THE UNITED PIGS STAND FOR!
WELL, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
SHUT UP!
...I NEVER HAD ANY IDEA THEY WERE ENEMY AGENTS! WAAAAAH! I'M INNOCENT! I'M INNOCENT, I TELL YOU!!
THANKS A HEAP.
MR. SEKOI, SAY SOMETHING!
... ...
I... I NEVER...

IT'S OVER, COCKROACH BOY-- AND GORILLA WOMAN!
G-G-GORILLA WOMAN!
SHAK
HEY!
GASP!
Y-YOU FIX THAT, YOU--
JAPANESE House of Pancakes
UH-OH!
WHAACK!
ACK! MAKE HER STOP!
A TRASH CAN--
KRAK KRAK
RAAAUGH!!
YAAA!

BLORFF
FFFFT
BLANG
WHAT THE--!?
THEY GOT AWAY!!
I... I NEVER KNEW... SOB SOB
TRAITORS!
PUT THEM ON THE JCIA BLACKLIST!
WHY DID YOU STOP ME, IDIOT?! I WAS GOING TO KILL THEM ALL!
THAT'S WHY I STOPPED YOU!
WAAAH
YEEK!
SPLASH
DISPOSE OF TRASH PROPERLY

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO EXPOSE THE UNITED PIGS AND PROVE OUR INNOCENCE!
BOO HOOO HOOO!
GOR... GORILLA WOMAN!
LET IT GO, WILLYA?
HOW CAN I FIGHT... HOW CAN I DO ANY-THING... AFTER THIS? BOO HOO HOOO!
OH, GEEZ...
...
YURA... I THINK YOU'RE PRETTY...
YOU'RE GRACEFUL... AND CUTE... AND KIND... YOU'RE MY FEMININE IDEAL...
AHEM!
TAMURO... YOU REALLY THINK SO?
OF COURSE I DO!
JUST DON'T... HURL.

TAMURO!
WHA--?!
I ALMOST LOST FAITH IN MY OWN WOMANHOOD! OH... THANK YOU!
GUH!
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
I CAN TAKE ON ANYTHING NOW! LET'S GET ON WITH IT!
GA CK!
GORILLA WOMAN IS RIGHT...
TAM-URO!
WHAT'D YOU LEARN?
THE APARTMENT HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE JCIA...

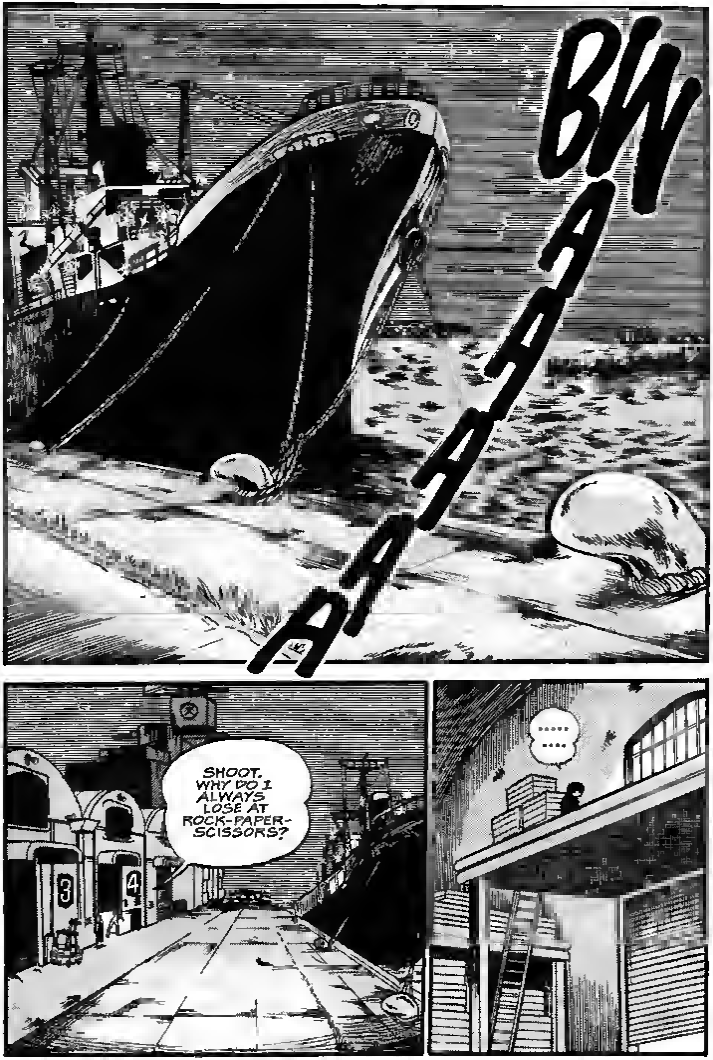
I ASKED AROUND THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD--
--IT'S BEEN TEN DAYS SINCE THE GARBAGE-EXCHANGE TRUCK CAME!
WHAT ABOUT THE TRASH?
THEY'RE HOARDING IT, WAITING FOR THE TRUCK.
HMM MM...
IF THE TRUCK DOESN'T COME SOON...
--THE CITY WILL OVER-FLOW WITH TRASH!
SO THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE AFTER!
GASP!
UP HERE.
MR. SEKO!
LET'S GO, TAM-URO!
WAIT!

HEY! I SAID, STOP!
IT'S TOO LATE!
TRAITOR!
THEN TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
MY DOG!!
YOU'D BETTER HEAR ME OUT OR...
ZZZZZZ
HEH HEH HEH!
WHAT A DIRTY TRICK...
DON'T GO! IT'S A TRAP!
CLIMB OVER THIS WALL.
BLAST YOU..
BUT TRY TO BE CAREFUL

I DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS...
...BUT I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T TALK TO ME UNLESS I TOOK A HOSTAGE.
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ?!
OH, GIMME A BREAK !
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU TWO ARE SPIES...
IF YOU ARE INNOCENT, THEN LOOK INTO MY EYES!
WHY NOT ?!
LOOK AT ME! STRAIGHT IN THE EYES!
.....
.....
HEH!
AWAHAHAHAHA!!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
YOU EVER LOOK IN A MIRROR?
HEE HEE HEEE!

MANY NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE BEEN OVERFLOWING WITH TRASH SINCE THE EXCHANGE TRUCK STOPPED COMING.
THE KEY TO EXPOSING THE PIGS...
SCHL SCHL
...IS TO DISCOVER THEIR SOURCE OF GASOLINE!
HAVE YOU CHECKED THEIR DISTRIBUTION ROUTES?
IT'S NOT A LEGAL ROUTE!
MEANING...
SMUGGLING!
EXACTLY!
THERE HAVE BEEN MANY TANKER HIJACKINGS LATELY...
THE JCIA SUSPECTS THAT THE PIGS ARE BEHIND THEM.
JAPAN LINES

WE MUST LEARN...
...WHERE AND WHEN THEY LOAD UP.
WILL YOU TELL ME?!
SLAM
HOW WOULD WE KNOW--?!?
WHAT DO WE DO?
HE WANTS OUR HELP, BUT HE TOTALLY DIS-TRUSTS US!
DOES HE HAVE A SPLIT PERSON-ALITY?
WE COULD END UP REALLY SUNK.
HE COULD TURN ON US AT ANY TIME!
WELL, WE'VE GOT TO DO WHAT WE CAN.
WE CAN ALWAYS BAIL OUT IF WE HAVE TO.
OKAY!
GREAT!
WE'LL WORK WITH YOU!
I ALWAYS SAID WE WERE MEANT TO BE A TEAM!


BWAAA-AA
SHOOT. WHY DO I ALWAYS LOSE AT ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS?
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4
.....
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HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE STARTED THIS STAKE-OUT?
MAYBE A WEEK... TEN DAYS...
HEY, LET'S JUST LEAVE THE COUNTRY IF THIS DOESN'T WORK OUT.
YOU MAKE IT SOUND SO EASY!
IT'S EASY FOR YOU! THERE'S GARBAGE EVERYWHERE!
WHICH COUNTRY'S GARBAGE DO YOU WANT TO GO TO?
FRANCE!
LAST TRASH-GO IN PARIS, EH...?

I BROUGHT SOME BREAD AND MILK!
EEE EEK!
AAA! AAA! AAA!
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH... NOTHING.
YOU'RE BACK EARLY.
LET'S EAT AND GET OUR STRENGTH BACK!
YUCK.
GET SOMETHING ELSE NEXT TIME!
WE'VE HAD THE SAME THING EVERY DAY WE'VE BEEN HERE!
I'M NOT COMPLAINING.
SH!

VROOOOM
A FLEET OF GARBAGE-EXCHANGE TRUCKS.
SO... IT'S START-ING...
GET IN TWO LINES!
NO TALK-ING!
BL AH
BLA BLA H AH
BLA AH

THERE!
YOO-HOO!
SSSHHHH
KLONNNG
HERE YOU GO!
YOOM!
YOW!!
BUAAAAM
FREEZE!
JCIA!!

SO, CAUGHT IN THE ACT!
YOU CAME TOO EARLY!
JUA
WHY CAN'T WE EVER GET A BREAK?
WHAT DO WE DO?
A HOSTAGE!
OF COURSE!
GO AHEAD! SHOOT IF YOU DARE!
I'LL SNAP HIS NECK IN TWO!
ARGH! I HATE THAT TRICK!
YOU WON'T LISTEN TO US ANYWAY!
WE MIGHT AS WELL ACT LIKE THE BAD GUYS!
?
SO YOU TWO ARE SPIES!
I ACTUALLY BELIEVE YOU'RE GETTING STUPIDER!!

WHAT'S GOIN' ON--?
JCIA PSIONICS USIN' A JCIA SPY AGAINST THE JCIA--?!
MUST BE A NOCTURNAL DISPUTE!
THAT'S INTERNAL, IDIOT!
Y'MEAN IT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH US?
WELL THEN, LET'S GO!
?!
BLAAM
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
WE CAN'T LET THIS OPPORTUNITY SLIP BY!!
CHAAAARRRRRGE!
THEY WANT A FIGHT!!
CHAAAAARRRGE!!
SO GIVE IT TO 'EM!!

BLAAMM
BLAAMM
KAAA
BOOOOM
KRAK
BLEF
WHICH SIDE SHOULD WE FIGHT FOR?!

JUST LET ME STOP THE GUNFIRE!
RRAKK

BLLOOOOOOOOSH
GLUG!
TAKE THAT!
SHWAK
IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU IDIOTS THAT WE'RE ON THE RUN!
KRRAAK
POW
BAM

.....
.....
HUFF HUFF HUFF
YURA... LET'S GO.
WHERE...?
THE LAST TRASH-GO IN PARIS...
YES.
HEY, WAIT!
YOU'RE CLEARED OF SUSPICION!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN AWAY!
STOP!
KNCH
VWIP

FFFF

THEY MUST HAVE REALLY BEEN HURT...
JAPANESE HOUSE OF PANCAKES
ACTUALLY LEAVING THE COUNTRY...
THEY DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY... DON'T SPEAK THE LANGUAGE...
ZZZZ
OH, THOSE TWO CAN LIVE ANYWHERE!
YEAH! THEY'RE PSIONICS!
I'LL NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN...
NEVER HAVE THE CHANCE TO APOLOGIZE.
CAN'T BLAME 'EM. THEY'VE GOT THEIR PRIDE.
KRUMBL
HEY! DID YOU KNOW THAT HARDLY ANYBODY IN FRANCE SPEAKS JAPANESE ?!?
WHAT WAS I SAYING ABOUT "PRIDE"..?
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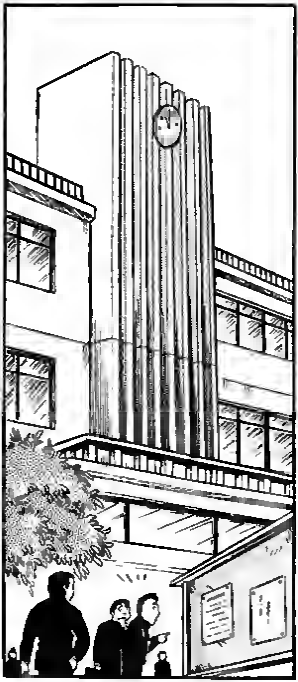
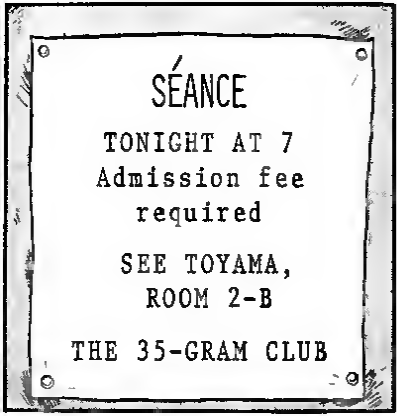
BLOOF
CAN WE HAVE OUR OLD JOBS BACK?

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT




SÉANCE
TONIGHT AT 7
Admission fee required
SEE TOYAMA, ROOM 2-B
THE 35-GRAM CLUB

WHAT THE HECK?
MUST BE A FUND-RAISER FOR THE OCCULT CLUB.

HEY, ISN'T THAT RYOKO'S CLUB?
I HEAR THEY REALLY RISE FROM THE DEAD WHEN SHE CALLS 'EM!
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2-B
UM...
IS THERE A MR. TOYAMA HERE...?
AT YOUR SERVICE!
UM...
I KNOW, I KNOW, YOU WANT A SÉANCE.
SO... HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE?
WHAT?!
WHAT PACKAGE DO YOU WANT? DELUXE, STANDARD, OR BUDGET?
PRICES START AT--
....
A CUTIE LIKE YOU WILL ATTRACT NEW CUSTOMERS!
HOW 'BOUT--
FUMP
I CHANGED MY MIND.
WAIT, WAIT! I'LL CUT YOU A DEAL!
OH...

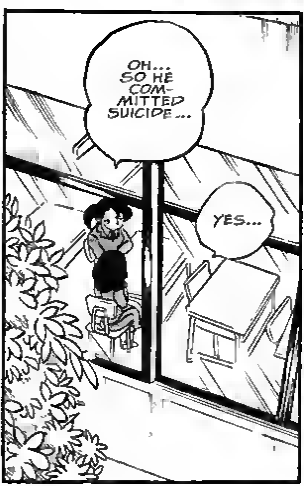
HELLO!
....
GLARE
HERE FOR A SÉANCE?
YES... BUT...
WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTACT?
A FRIEND? OR A BOY-FRIEND?
UM...
SNIFF
OH, YOSHIO, WHY DID YOU DIE?!
THERE, THERE. TELL RYOKO ALL ABOUT IT.
WAAAAA!!

YOU JUST SIT HERE FOR A WHILE...
O...SO...KAY...
TOYAMA, DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?
HUH?
COME WITH ME...
WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
WHAAPPP
?
WHUZ-ZAT FOR?!
YOU BROUGHT UP PAYMENT RIGHT AWAY AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?!
HECK, YEAH! THIS IS BUSINESS!

"BUSINESS"
?!?

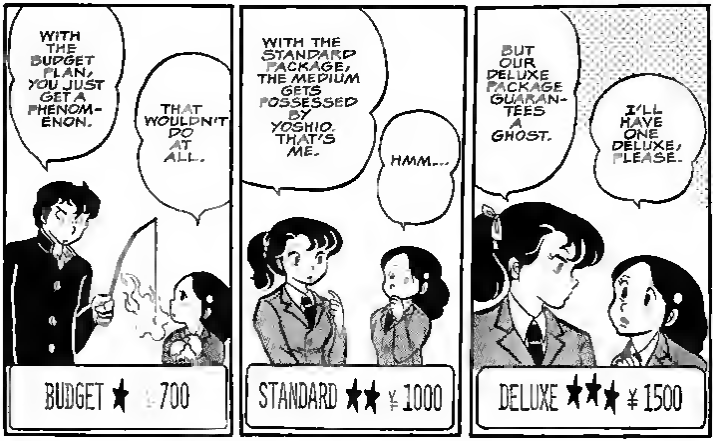
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID WE COULD RAISE MONEY WITH A SÉANCE!
AND WE CAN!

BUT NOT IF YOU LOSE OUR CUSTOMERS' TRUST BY GOING AFTER THEM LIKE SOME PROFITEERING SHARK!
TRUST, TRUST, TRUST!!
THAT'S HOW YOU MAKE MONEY!
YEAH, YEAH, YEAH.

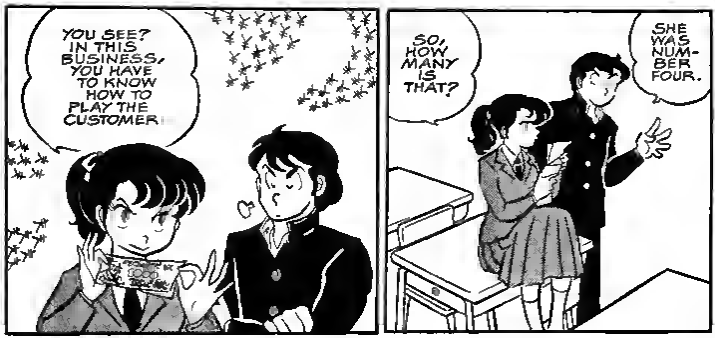

OH... SO HE COMMITTED SUICIDE...
YES...

I DON'T CARE IF HE'S A GHOST... I WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN!
THEN YOU WILL SEE HIM.

YOU'LL WANT THE DELUXE PACKAGE, THEN.
DELUXE...?


WITH THE BUDGET PLAN, YOU JUST GET A PHENOM-ENON.
THAT WOULDN'T DO AT ALL.
BUDGET ★ ¥ 700
WITH THE STANDARD PACKAGE, THE MEDIUM GETS POSSESSED BY YOSHIO. THAT'S ME.
HMM...
STANDARD ★★ ¥ 1000
BUT OUR DELUXE PACKAGE GUARAN-TEES A GHOST.
I'LL HAVE ONE DELUXE, PLEASE.
DELUXE ★★★ ¥ 1500

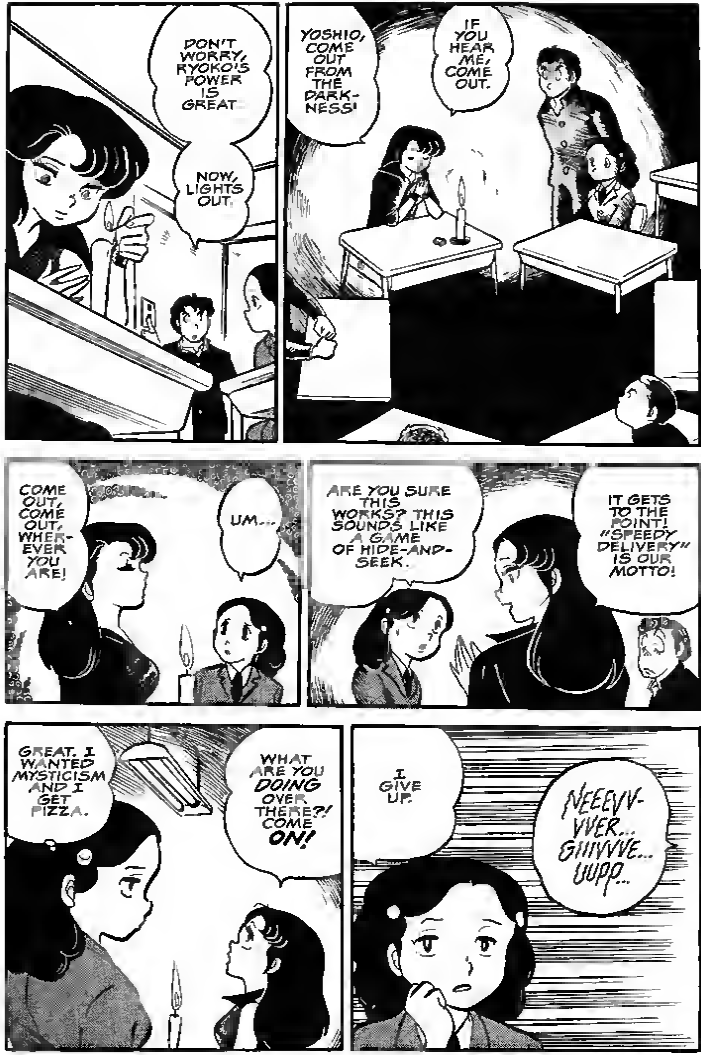
WE'LL SEE YOU AT SEVEN, THEN!
THANKS!


YOU SEE? IN THIS BUSINESS, YOU HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO PLAY THE CUSTOMER!
SO, HOW MANY IS THAT?
SHE WAS NUM-BER FOUR.

LADIES AND GENTLE-MEN, WELCOME...
...AND THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR 35-GRAM CLUB.
AS MANY OF YOU PROB-ABLY KNOW...
...HUMANS CONSIST OF A PHYSICAL BODY AND AN ASTRAL BODY, OR "SOUL."
35g
MEASURE-MENTS TAKEN BEFORE AND AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE SOUL AT THE TIME OF DEATH SUGGEST THAT THE SOUL WEIGHS 35 GRAMS.
WE TRULY HOPE THAT YOU MAY SEE YOUR 35-GRAM FRIENDS THIS EVENING...
WE WANNA SEE OUR 120-POUND FRIEND!
YEAH! WHERE'S RYOKO?!?

WHO SAYS I WEIGH 120—?!?
SHWIP
CLAK CLAK CLAK
RYOKO!
WHOOOOO!
CLAK CLAK
TOYAMA!
RELAX
I DON'T HIT PEOPLE WITHOUT GOOD REASON.

WHO ARE THOSE THREE?
SPECTATORS.
OKAY, YOU'D BETTER HAVE A GOOD EXPLANATION FOR THIS...
HOW MUCH DID YOU CHARGE THEM?
BINK
GREAT WORK! 2,000 YEN?
UMM... 200...
THANKS FOR THE REASON!!
WHAAAPP
UM...
WELL, SHALL WE START...?
WILL I REALLY BE ABLE TO SEE YOSHIO?
IF YOU FAIL, I WANT MY MONEY BACK!
YEESH! YOU'RE CHEAPER THAN ME!


DON'T WORRY, RYOKO'S POWER IS GREAT.
NOW, LIGHTS OUT.
YOSHIO, COME OUT FROM THE DARK-NESS!
IF YOU HEAR ME, COME OUT.
COME OUT, COME OUT, WHER-EVER YOU ARE!
UM...
ARE YOU SURE THIS WORKS? THIS SOUNDS LIKE A GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK.
IT GETS TO THE POINT! "SPEEDY DELIVERY" IS OUR MOTTO!
GREAT. I WANTED MYSTICISM AND I GET PIZZA.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?! COME ON!
I GIVE UP.
NEEVV-VVER... GHIVVE... UUPP..

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...
BINGO!
EHH HEH HEHH... HIIIII!
GYAAAH!
WELL, WHY DON'T YOU SAY "HELLO" TO HIM? IT'S YOSHIO!
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....
SNIFF SOB
WAAAAAAH!
AH, TEARS OF JOY! I'M SO GLAD!

TH-TH-THAT'S... SOBBE... THAT'S NOT YOSHIO!!
SAY WHAT?!
HEY, WHO ARE YOU?
YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW?
I COMMITTED SUICIDE DURING FINALS WEEK.
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO COMPLAIN TO SOMEBODY.
TOYAMA!
LISTEN TO HIM! KEEP HIM BUSY!
PLEASE LISTEN, OR I CAN'T REST IN PEACE!
I PAID 1,500 YEN!
GIMME MY MONEY BACK!
GIMME YOSHIO! 1,500 YEN!
YOSHIO!!
ALL RIGHT ALREADY, YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU PAID FOR!

AND AS IF THAT WASN'T BAD ENOUGH...
UH-HUH. YEAH. UH-HUH.
COME OUT, YOSHIO.
HUH ?
POOF
YO!
HUH?! HIROKA ?!?
THAT'S NOT YOSHIO !
YOU GUYS SUCK!
I'VE BEEN WANDERING OVER THERE ALONE...
...AND DID YOU CALL ME?!
W-W-WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO RAISE THE MONEY!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET YOU, RYOKO.
UH... TH-THANKS.
WAAAH! 1,500 YEN! 1,500 YEN!
ANY OF YOU YOSHIO ?
TSUYOSHI
TAKASHI
HIROSHI

WHY DID I EVER COMMIT SUICIDE WITH YOU?!
YES, DEAR.
IS HE HERE NOW?
HEY, SAWADA, WHEN DID YOU DIE?
DURING MID-TERMS.
NO! NO! NO!
WILL SOMEBODY LISTEN TO ME--?!
LISTEN TO ME!
BROKE, HUH? YOU GUYS ARE CHEAPSKATES!
LISTEN TO ME!
GET IN LINE!
WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
GIVE ME MY MONEY BACK!
PATIENCE, PLEASE...

I DON'T EVEN CARE IF I SEE HIM NOW!
I WANT MY MONEY!
ALL THIS FOR A LOUSY 1,500 YEN!

IS THIS HOW YOU REALLY ARE, MAYUMI?
YOSHIO...
Y-Y-YOSHIO ?!?

WHERE THE HECK HAVE YOU BEEN!?
HOLDING OUT.
DELIVERING A SPIRIT FOR 1,500 YEN IS TOO CHEAP.
I WAS GOING TO WAIT 'TIL THE PRICE HIT 5,000.
WHO'S TOO CHEAP?! GOOD BEEF COSTS 600 YEN A POUND THESE DAYS! 1,500 YEN FOR 35 GRAMS IS A LOT!!
YOU CAN'T MAKE SUKIYAKI WITH SPIRITS.
SO WHAT'S YOUR POINT?!
RYOKO! GET RID OF THESE GUYS!
WE'VE GOT A CLASS FULL OF GHOSTS!
1,500 TIMES 40... I'VE DONE 60,000 YEN'S WORTH FOR FREE!
I'VE GOT IT! WE'RE ALL HAVING A REUNION PARTY!
THE SECRETARY WILL BE COMING AROUND TO COLLECT YOUR 1,500 YEN CLUB FEE!
ALL RIGHT, A PARTY!
C'MON, C'MON! COUGH IT UP!
THIS IS WHAT I WAS TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM!